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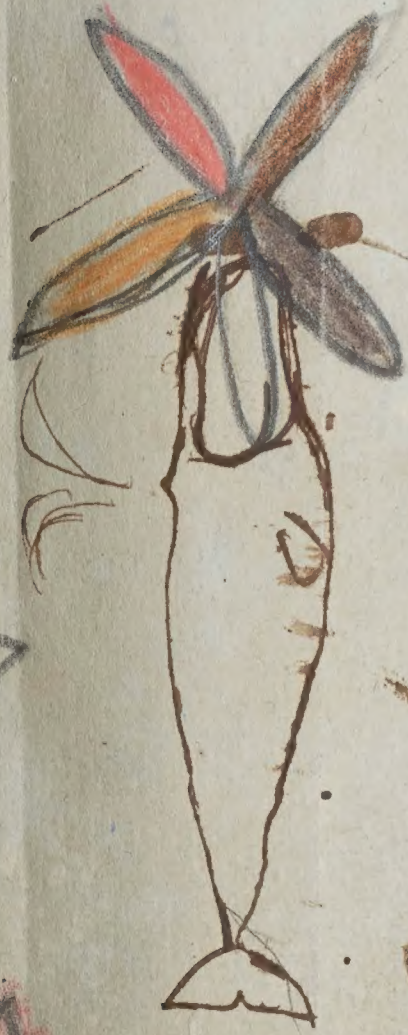
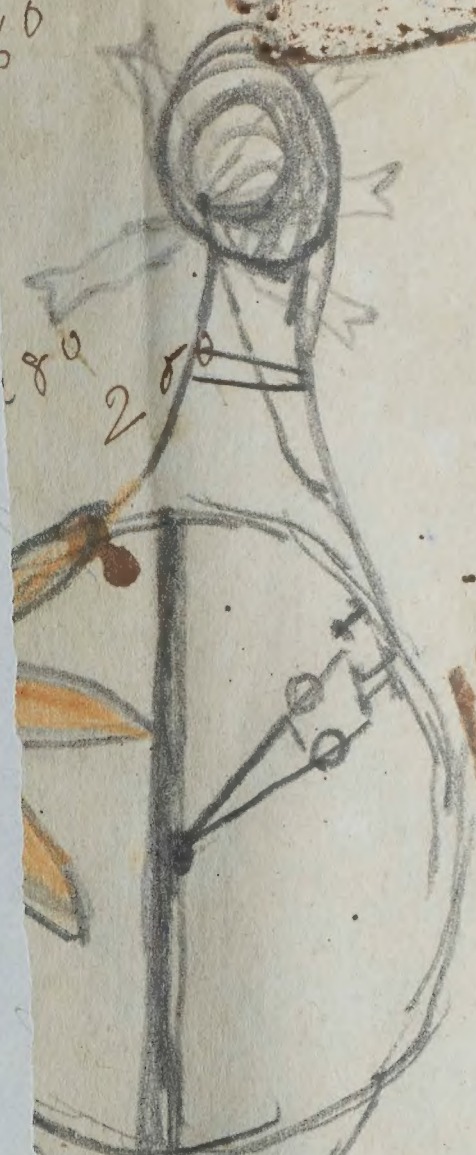
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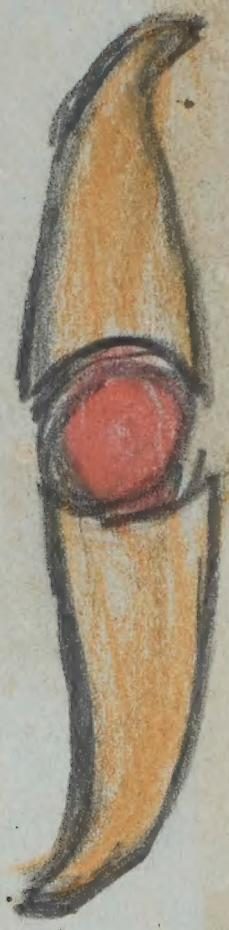
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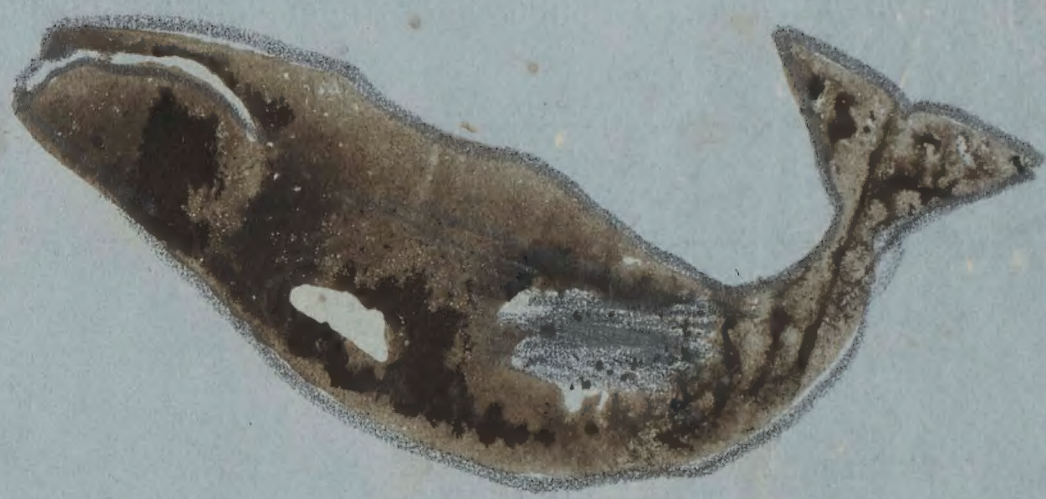


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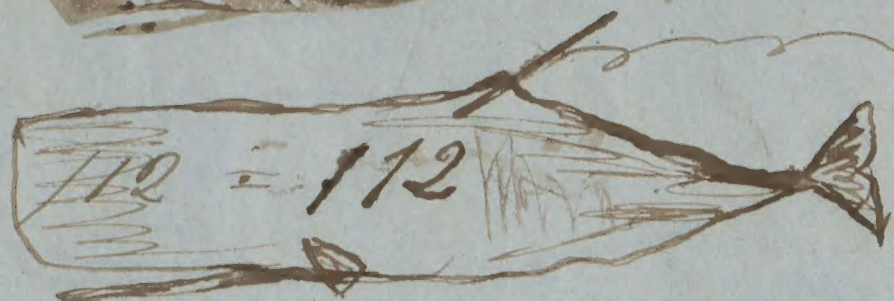
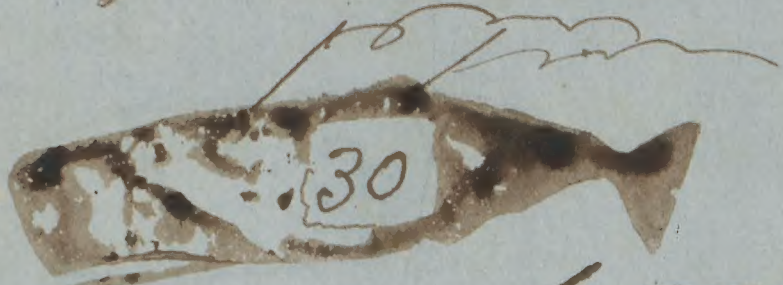
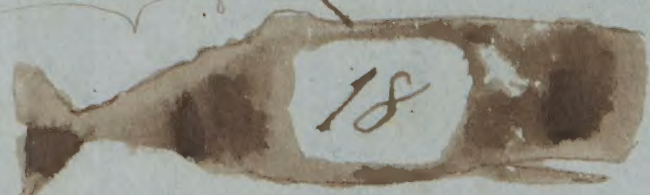
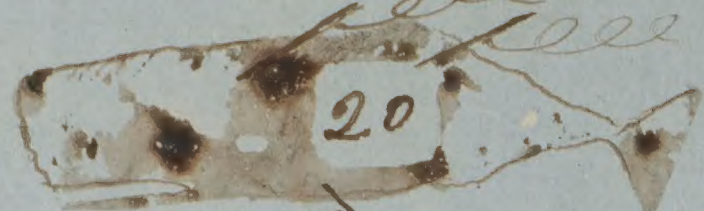
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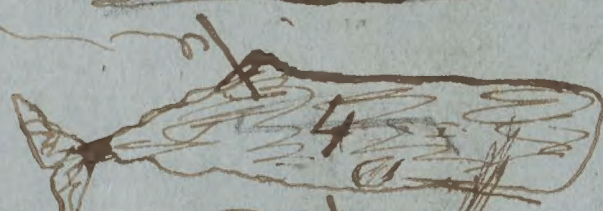
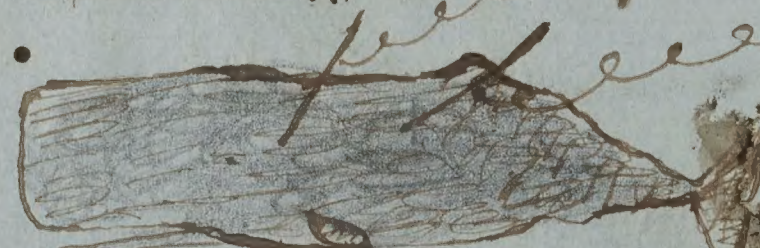
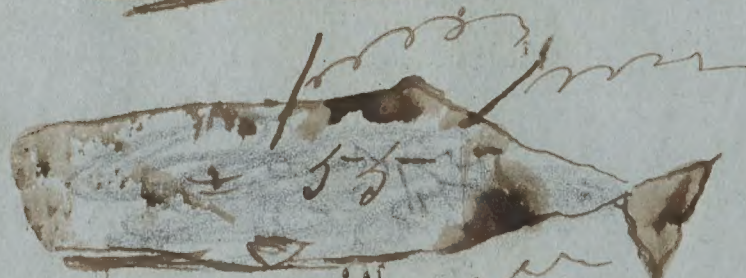
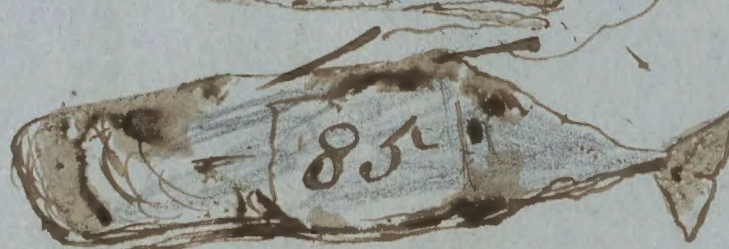
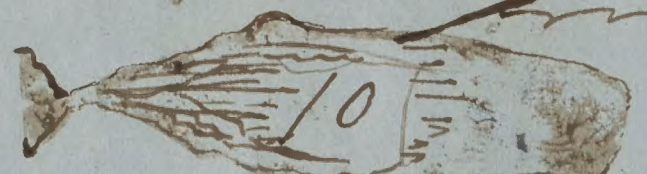
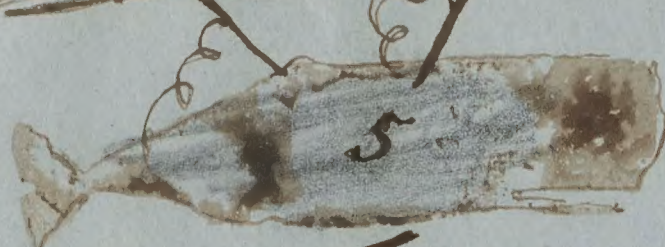
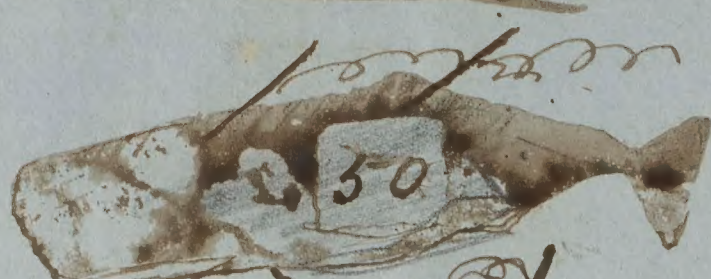
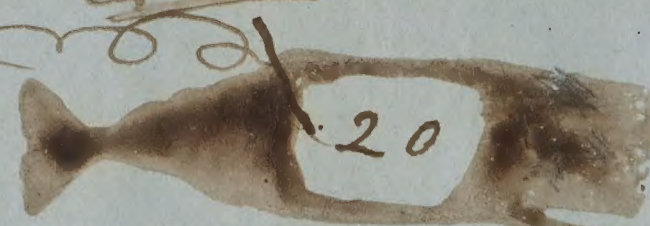
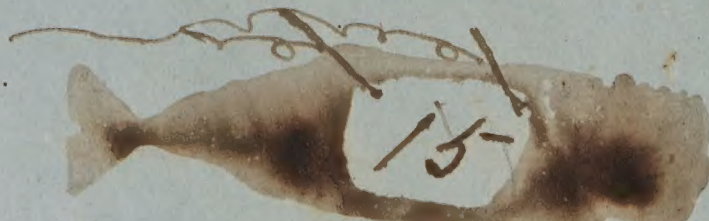
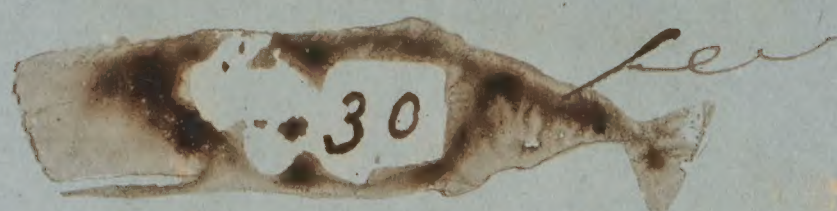
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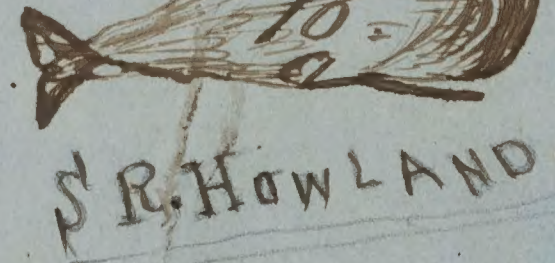
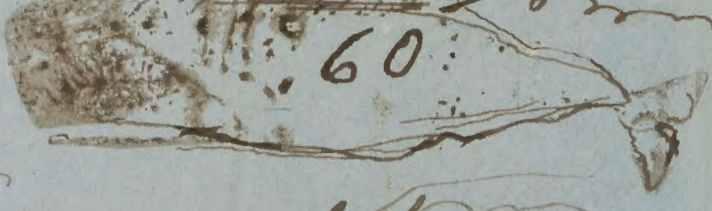
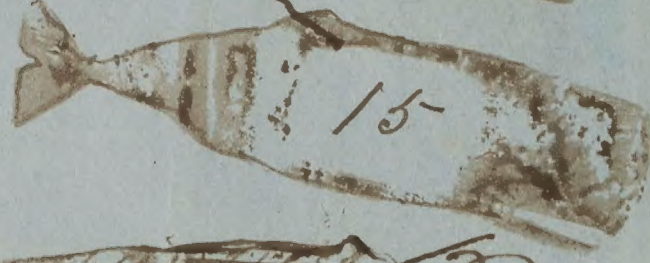
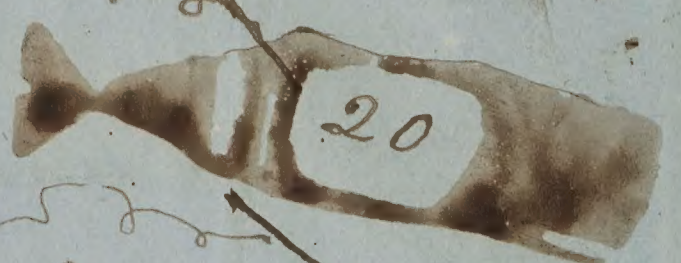
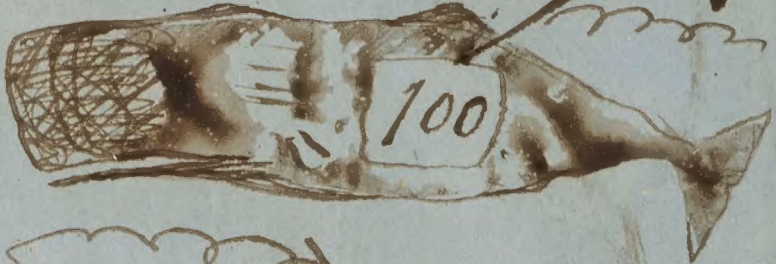
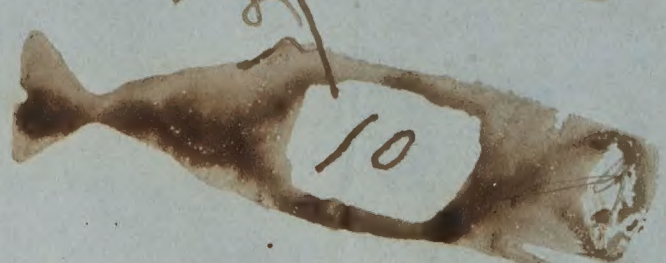
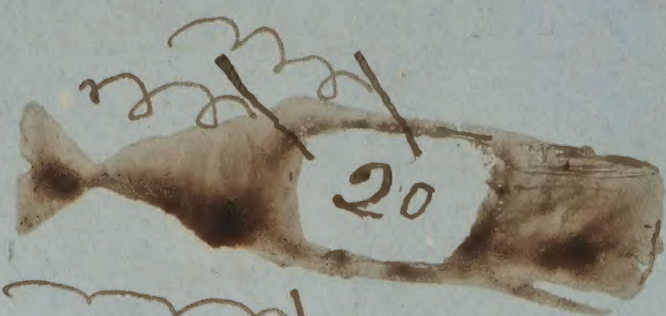


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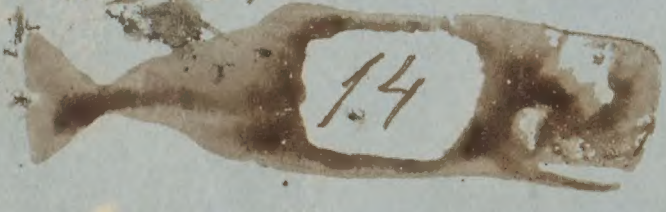
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Journal kept by Amos Q Baker, on board  
Bark John Dawson

Monday

July 18. th. 1859 Fine pleasant weather, sailed from  
New Bedford in the Bark John Dawson  
bound on a Whaling voyage to the Atlantic  
Ocean under the Command of John Cornell -  
at 10 A.M. all hands on board got under  
weigh with a fair wind, at 12 discharged  
Bolt. at 5 P.M. lost sight of the land.  
called all hands aft and chose watches  
and stowed down the Cable

Tuesday 19 th. A fine clear day all sail set. employed  
getting the Boats ready for whaling. Commenced  
to stand mast head. some of the Greene  
hands are sea sick and some of the old  
hands are home sick now for another  
three years, its enough to make a fellow  
sick to think of it. But time in for it now  
and I'll make the best of it

Wednesday 20 th Pleasant weather almost a calm lowered  
the Boats for Black Fish but could  
not get fast. watch employed breaking out  
the fore hold nothing in sight the home sick  
Complaint seems to rage in this part of the  
Globe

Thursday 21 st Fine weather all hands well employed  
getting the Boats ready for whaling at  
6 P.M. spoke Ship Falcon of New Bedford  
homeward bound we sent letters. four days out  
sending letters this is beginning early

Sunday 24 th. Fine pleasant weather all sail out and all  
hands well nothing of any account has happened  
for the last two days if I was at home to day  
I would go to meeting. But as I am here I shall  
have to stay at home. Where was I last Sunday



Journal kept by Amos S. Baker. on board  
1859

Thursday July 28th Fine clear weather at 8 A.M. raised  
A large breech off the lee bow run for it.  
Watch employed variously at 5 P.M. raised  
Sperm whales lowered two Boats but could  
not get fast. The whales were going to Windward  
at sun down Came on board one sail in sight

Friday 29th. Pleasant weather at 6 A.M. raised Sperm  
Whales got breakfast and lowered two Boats  
struck and killed a whale at 9 A.M. took  
the whale alongside and commenced to cut in  
at 12. finished cutting all hands employed  
cutting up blubber and trying out. saw a  
Bark steering about N.E. We are eleven days out  
to day. Lat 35. 15 N. Long 60. 12 W

Saturday 30th. Pleasant weather all hands employed  
trying out at 11 A.M. raised Sperm Whales  
lowered two Boats but could not get on to  
them. the whales were galled by Black Fish  
Came on board and commenced to boil again

Sunday 31st. Pleasant, this makes two Sundays on board  
the old John Dawson and we have got to  
stay a good many more before we see  
Yakel Land - at 7 P.M. raised Sperm  
Whales so late we could not lower at 9 in  
the evening heard them close to the ship  
took in every thing but the top sails

Thursday August 4th. Pleasant weather we took a sperm  
Whale yesterday and cut him in commenced  
to Boil last night spoke Bark Iowa of  
Fairhaven home ward bound we sent letters  
at 3 P.M. finished Boiling saw a Brig  
yesterday steering about N.E. at 5 P.M.  
raised Sperm Whales lowered three Boats  
but did not have time to get fast

Lat. 34. 50 N Long 59 27 W







Monday 1st. Fine pleasant weather all hands on  
deck employed Boiling at 6 P.M. spoke  
Bark Thomas Pope finished Boiling at  
7 P.M. the Bark Ocean Rover in sight  
so ends this day all hands well

Tuesday 2nd. Fine weather two sails in sight at  
4 P.M. spoke Brig Eschol of Beverly  
6 weeks out clean

Wednesday 3rd. Fine weather light breeze at 6 A.M. raised  
a large sperm whale got breakfast and  
brought three boards but could not get on  
to him chased the whale all day came on  
board without success I hope we shall have  
better luck next time

Thursday 4th. Pleasant weather at 5 P.M.  
spoke Bark Ocean Rover of Northwiscott  
they were out 24 days. I saw two of the  
sperm whales old crew that was aboard here  
last voyage so ends this day - all Well.

Friday 5th. Calm and light breeze in Ocean Rover  
and saw nothing in sight. saw a large  
sperm whale in the morning in the afternoon  
saw a large sperm whale in the morning  
and a large sperm whale in the afternoon

Saturday 6th. Fine pleasant breeze saw nothing in the  
shape of a whale two sails in sight  
watch employed variously time seems dull  
when we are getting no whales but never mind  
all satisfaction for now

Sunday 7th. Fine pleasant weather at 7 P.M.  
spoke bark Dove of New London 24 days out  
clean. I saw a large sperm whale at 4 o'clock  
of day I should like to be there if I only  
had twelve hundred barrels of oil  
but as it is I must content  
as I'll longer yet



South Union Barracks of New Bedford

- Monday 5th. A fair day, but the wind is so strong that the boats cannot go to sea.
- Tuesday 6th. A fair day, but the wind is so strong that the boats cannot go to sea. The boats are in the harbor, and the wind is so strong that the boats cannot go to sea.
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- Friday 9th. A fair day, but the wind is so strong that the boats cannot go to sea. The boats are in the harbor, and the wind is so strong that the boats cannot go to sea.
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Monday Sept 12th, Fresh breezes and Cloudy weather  
Laid off and on at Fayal all day Capt  
ashore landed 69 barrels of sperm oil  
to be sent home. The ships Fort  
and Nearengo of N Bedford lay in sight  
and Boek Ph. L. Barstow laying in sight  
Received 3 letters this afternoon from  
home and was glad enough to get them  
We on old ship made ashore the day  
that was with me last voyage in the  
afternoon got some recruits on board and  
three green. To day at sun down Capt came  
on board made all sail and beat to the wind  
ward of the Island strong breezes and rugged  
seas by the name of Alexander Pickleheart

Tuesday 13th Hazy weather brisk wind the Islands  
of Fayal Pico St. George and Graciosa in  
sight saw a Brig. employed variously. saw  
nothing in the shape of a Whale

Wednesday 14th Fine weather made Cabin at 1 P.M.  
Capt took a boat and went to the islands  
to get water but did not get any  
the islands of St. George Pico Fayal and  
Terceira in sight in the afternoon. At sun down  
light breeze strong S.W.

Thursday 15th Strong breeze and rainy in the forenoon  
employed washing ship Terceira in sight  
running down along shore under double reefed  
m. sails at 12 o'clock shook the reefs out of the  
main top sail steering to the southward and  
eastward at 4 P.M. lost sight of the land at  
sun down furled the fore sail and double  
reefed the main top sail steering S. by W.  
Wind from N. blowing a fresh gale and rugged



Sunday 17th. At 2 A.M. set fore top sail & set  
 spraker at 4 A.M. shook the reef out  
 the top sail set main top gallant sail  
 flying & got up into fresh breeze  
 from the E. Steering S. by E. employed  
 successfully saw a ship of the Western Arm  
 her masts & lower 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> masts & sails  
 for a time the gunn. Portuguese how to pull  
 they dare say tell but they would catch  
 us before we could.

Sunday 18. Fine pleasant weather, good weather enough  
to go to meeting but I guess I will stay at  
home today. When I shall be gone a while  
I have almost forgotten how they look  
saw a large merchant ship and two three masted



Journal kept by Umo S. B. Rice

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Light Wind, and rain.  
Watch employed breaking out the fire  
hatch boxes at the after hold and  
got some sleep for the night. P. M.  
Wicks repairing oil cask. Carried  
mending and as we went on for the  
at 9 P. M. came with the Brig. Captain  
of Lippin and Schooner and names of  
Baltimore.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Breeze Calm A M warm weather  
at 12 o'clock sprang up a light breeze. Watch  
employed making spun yarn and at 10<sup>th</sup>  
P. M. pleasant A Brig and Schooners in  
sight - saw nothing in the shape of a whale.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Fine pleasant weather. Ship is over  
wash day but instead of washing employed  
painting chain plates at 11 A M finished  
painting one of the Wild Portuguese was sick  
at the mast head Capt thought a dose of  
Salts would do him good. - We can't see nothing  
that looks like a whale.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> It is a fine pleasant day. I should like  
to see the old folks at home yes. I should  
like to see some of the young folks too.  
and I should like to see a sperm whale  
Well we must live in hopes.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Thick hazy weather fresh breeze from the  
E. S. E. sailing. P. M. P. M. P. M. P. M.  
Watch employed breaking out the fire  
hatch for Bread making. Serinette. F. C.  
putting sayings on the main rigging. Mr  
Wicks made himself sick eating Cabage  
at sun down commenced to breeze on and  
the Royals but soon took them in at 12  
o'clock took in top gallant sails and  
blowing fresh - our Charles was kept at the  
wheel 7 hours for seeing Wild - look out Charles



On board Bark John Dawson

Tuesday Sept 27th Commenced with strong trade wind  
variable at 2 A.M. set top gallant sails at  
4 took them in again at 5 P.M. Toss one of  
the canvas sheets, at 6 doubled reefed the top  
sails and furled the main sail. Wind  
variable took in the fore spanker five fathoms  
at 11 A.M. set fore top sail and about  
10 miles distant - I don't feel very well to  
day if I was at home I would pull up jack  
but here never say die while there's a shot in  
the locker. Lay to the about the sails some  
at 4 P.M. lost sight of the land, steering  
south moderate breeze from the East wind

Wednesday 28th Fresh breeze at daylight made aft sail  
Watch employed setting up Mizen top mast  
back stays taking down fore top mast  
back stays making sennette. I don't feel very  
well to day but never mind we can't expect  
to feel well all the time

Thursday 29th Fresh breeze from the Northward steering  
to the Southward at 10 A.M. sounded but I  
did not find bottom the water is R. Green  
Watch employed furiously to get out fore  
water securing back stays making sennette  
P.C. saw a steam ship steering to the N.

Friday 30th Fresh breeze and pleasant Watch  
employed making sennette securing  
back stays P.C. at 4 P.M. spoke  
Schooner Roswell King of Siquima  
I don't feel very well to day I am down  
on the sick list

Saturday October 1st Fresh breeze from the N.  
steering. L. he's in one week day I have a  
sore hand so I shall have to go without  
working for his time, saw a Fin Back



Remarks Made by Amos & Baker  
Sunday Oct 2nd

It is almost Calm and a heavy swell on. It is a very warm day I Wonder if we are ever going to see any more whales. I hope we shall before long we are on what is called the Porpoise Bank it is rightly named for there is an abundance of them here saw a fin Whale this forenoon. I suppose the folks at home are going to meeting and having pleasant times never mind we shall be there by and by

Monday 3rd. It is a warm day. Watch employed setting up the head stays &c. &c. I fear you are the left. New Bedford in this old Book. I hope we shall not be gone as long this voyage as we were last. Change the subject. Mr. Wick is down on Cabbage. He had Cabbage for dinner. As for myself I can go it first rate. Mr. Duntlin says a person ought not to confine themselves to much in the house.

Tuesday 4th Fine pleasant weather employed making sennette Capping the main rigging &c. at 3 P.M. in the Book. Tiller of Kutter about 3 months out to sea. One W. took 7 Black Fish they would make 8 barrels I wish we could see a Whale I fear I shall have the Blues before long if we don't get some oil. We are steering S. With moderate Wind from the N. What is called the N.E. trades

Wednesday 5th Hot sultry sultry weather light baffling Winds employed making & mending mat. sennette saw a fin Whale. I should like to see a fellow with a hump on his back and a square head



# On Board Bark John Adams

Thursday 6th Commences Calm at 5 A.M. Came up a squall with rain took in light sail and Clewed down the topsails double reefed the fore top sail at 11 A.M. took out the fore and main sails all sail again 5 P.M. Wind from the E. N. E. squatted much oil barrels at noon took in this morning but I guess it went to some of them any harm only wash off a little of the dirt which died away to a light air and variable Watch employed breaking out four Hales & C. put a mast on the fore of the Main equivalent sail as on F.C.



Friday 7th Commences with light air and rain at 6 A.M. lowered the Boat for Black Fish Starboard Boat struck and killed one hauled her up and took her along side and hoisted her in at 11 A.M. Watch employed cleaning up a line and mending blubber 1 P.M. and took fitting new fore top sail 6' at 3 P.M. lowered the Boat again for Black Fish Starboard Boat struck and killed one took him along side and hoisted him in robbed him of his Pocket, kept on our Course again steering S. E. W. light breeze from the E. N. E.

Saturday 8th Light trades and squalls Watch employed minding blubber at 9 A.M. Commenced to sail at 2 P.M. finished turned up 3 barrels at 4 P.M. lowered the Boats for Black Fish but could not get on to them Came on board finished washing decks got supper so on and so forth.



# Remarks made by Amos S. Baker

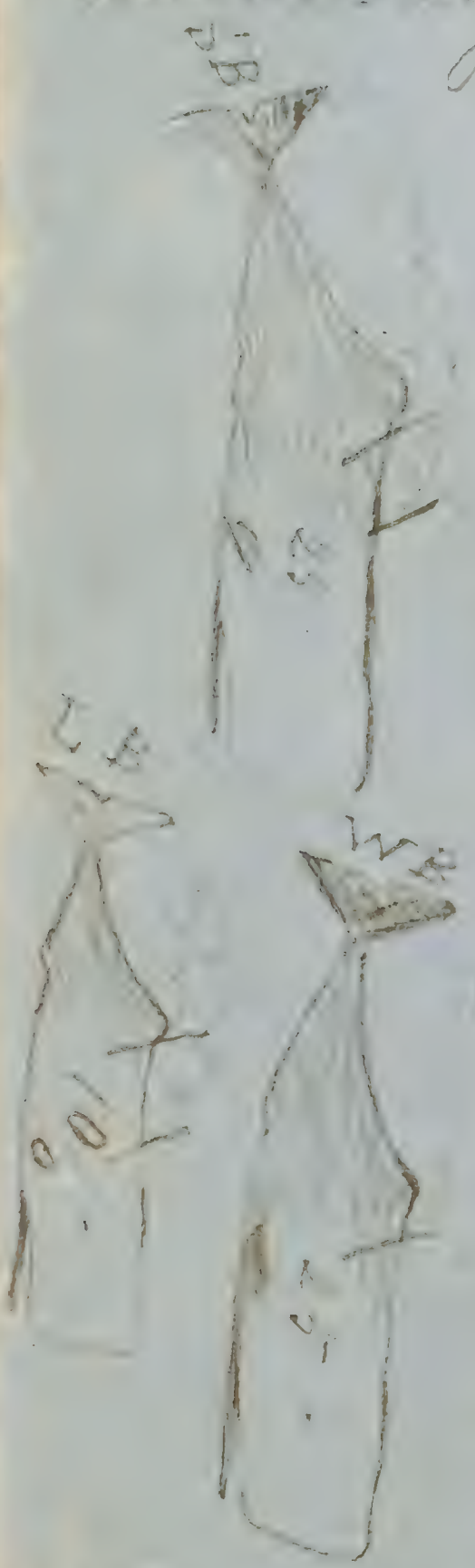
Sunday Oct 9th Commences With Light Air and Clouds at 8 A.M. lowered two Boats for Black Fish Capt shot 3 from the ship but they proved to be Cow Fish one Boat Came on board lowered the Starboard and Starboard Boats for More Black Fish Chased them a spell and Came on board without success at 10 A.M. Came on squally With rain at 12 o'clock Wind died away Cant see any thing that looks like a Whale

Monday 10th Light baffling Winds and Calm Cloudy Weather Watch employed fitting new top sail lifts V.C. saw no Black Fish

Tuesday 11th Light air and Warm weather all hands employed breaking out and Coopering Bradd at 5 P.M. finished and Washed off deck steering S.W.

Wednesday 12th Cloudy with thunder and lightning light breeze from N.E. steering S.W. took in light sails and doubled reefed the top sails furled the Main sail at 4 A.M. made all sail employed repairing Mizen jigger at 2 P.M. Mr. Wicks pursued sperm whales lowered the Boats Capt struck 11 whale Male struck another second Male struck another killed the whales at sun down took them alongside set quarter watches for the night got cutting tape up broke out Blubber room V.C.V  
Latitude 8° 11' N Longitude 20° 14' W.

Lat 8.22 N Long 19.59 W





The Grand Bull To the Whaler's

Thursday 13th Fine pleasant weather all hands busy  
 to at daylight went in and they all in at  
 twelve. V.C. and J. and J. clearing up  
 the heats V.C. at 4 P.M. started the  
 junks and boiling watches first part of  
 the night rain and later part fine. It  
 makes a fellow nice to get wet through when he  
 is all covered in it. But the best of the day.

Friday 14th. Calm but some weather. Junks  
 employed cutting up blubber boiling  
 V.C. and it's almost hot enough to melt the  
 yellow but never mind make hay when the sun shines.

Saturday 15th Bright cutting up and Calm but  
 sultry. Junks well heated and  
 boiling V.C. one sail in sight —  
 Capt Cornell is rather run well today  
 at 4 P.M. finished boiling washed off decks

Sunday 16th Calm hot sultry weather I feel a little  
 tired to day and I guess most of my  
 associates do if they do not they ought  
 to the weather is hot enough to melt lead  
 our whales made us to barrels well that  
 is not much but I would  
 like to take three more whales to day it is  
 Sunday but we are off soundings so it  
 don't make any difference if it is Sunday  
 folks at home go to meeting while we out  
 here straining our eyes out looking for whales  
 Capt Cornell is sick his mother is enough  
 to make any one sick

Monday 17th Terrible Winds came at times and the  
 sails one a steam ship Capt C. is no  
 better I've been down the Cabin all day  
 looking him and it's little the worst  
 of it is that for some time for I see no  
 chance to take care of the sick I suppose  
 must have to go down there again to  
 night and I dread it I would sooner have  
 eight hours in the sea scuffers.



Journal kept by James G. Baker  
Tuesday 18th of October Three Months out to day 120  
Barrells of sperm Capt Cornell is sick  
I have been tending on him this forenoon  
Sam and the Cooper are sick and I don't  
know but we all will turn fine out yet  
it has been raining this forenoon took  
a watch below in the afternoon steamed put  
a blistering plaster on the Cooper and Sam  
Sam says his bites as the Portugese says

Wednesday 19th Raining a fine breeze from the East  
ward Sam and the Cooper are a little  
better this morning Capt about the  
same I was tending on him eight hours  
last night but I guess I shall get out  
of it to night saw Black Fish

Thursday 20th Cloudy Weather at 3 A M. tacked ship  
heading to the east ward at 5 A M. tacked  
again heads S.W. steering by the Wind  
Capt is getting better and I guess I  
shant have to watch with him again  
at present Cooper is about the same Sam  
the same as for myself I feel first  
rate at 9 P.M. tacked ship heading S.E.  
saw two Birds

Friday 21 Cloudy Wind variable rainy at times  
Watch employed picking over Potatoes  
V.C. saw two sails at dark died away  
Calm clewed the top sails down at 11 P.M.  
sprang up light breeze from the S.E.

Saturday 22nd Commences with a light breeze from  
the S.S.E. at 4 A.M. tacked ship heading  
S.W. this is our wash day the Captain came  
on deck this morning I guess he is getting  
well I have been at the masts head this  
morning scanning my eyes for a sperm whale  
but all in vain I could not see any Sam  
has gone to the mast head and I hope will  
raise a whale



On Board Bark John Green

Sunday 23rd. Fresh breeze from the S.W. sailing  
by the wind all but not much. At 10  
o'clock a heavy fog came on and we  
were forced to stop. The fog was so  
thick that we could not see the land. I  
was that would have been a very  
fine run but for the fog. It was  
impossible to suppose we shall be on the  
coast some time to night. Perhaps not.  
Neptune will visit us and I have to  
nominate the Latitude at 12 O'clock to be  
17° North Longitude 24° 45' West. The  
strong trades from the S.E. Cooper  
is sick. Three foremast hands laid by  
with sore fingers so was this day.

Monday 24th. Strong breeze from the S.E. sailing  
by the wind all but not much. At 10  
o'clock a heavy fog came on and we  
were forced to stop. The fog was so  
thick that we could not see the land. I  
was that would have been a very  
fine run but for the fog. It was  
impossible to suppose we shall be on the  
coast some time to night. Perhaps not.

Tuesday 25th. Breeze came at 7 A.M. took in main  
gallant sail flying and sent it  
carried away. The main sail split by  
top sail took it in. Took in flying jib  
and sent it up into it. Made  
the fine fog wind moderating some  
split flying jib mended it set it again.

Wednesday 26th. Moderated down to a pleasant breeze  
made all sail at 6 A.M. sent in  
flying jib to repair it at 12 O'clock sent  
it down. A three masted schooner in sight  
standing about 10 miles off. Employed pick up  
one of the crew.



Journal made by James C. Smith

Thursday 27th of October Fresh breeze from the  
S.E. steering by the Wind Heads S.S.W.  
making a day on fair water  
making Archibald's strapping Blocks  
H.C. bit is a pleasant place  
and like to see a sperm whale  
at sun down got the Royals

Friday 28th. Pleasant breeze from the S.E. steering  
W by S. at day light took in Royal  
employed Coopering Oil finished Coopering  
at 12 O'clock two sails in sight raised  
White Water proved to be Fin Backs at sun  
set got the Main royal and run a coil  
of Manila Cordage

Saturday 29th Pleasant breeze from the S.E. steering S.W.  
15 days more and we shall be on our whaling  
ground if nothing happens to prevent it  
at day light took in main royal broke out  
in water saw a Portuguese Brig and a  
Brig steering to the N.W. We tried to  
ask the Brig to send letters home  
but the Portuguese did not carry enough  
to speak us. so we shall have to wait  
till we fall in with a vessel of a civilized  
Nation saw three other sails at sun set  
got the Royals

Sunday 30th Strong breeze from the S.W. steering E.W.  
at day light took in the Royals at 10 A.M.  
raised White Water run for it proved to be  
Fin Backs saw White Water several times  
turned out to be nothing but a puff of wind  
Fin Backs. the folks at home are having  
fine times going to meeting and walking  
out while the poor fellows out here cooped up  
in an old ship day after day see nothing but  
blue water but never mind will be home by  
and by then will make up for lost time



On board Bark John Dawson of N. York

Monday Oct 31st Fine pleasant Weather Watch  
employed Stowing blocks for  
top gallant lifts and royal shrouls  
&c. one sail in sight steering to the S  
We are bound S. W. Wind from the N.E.  
at sun set furled the main sail and  
took in light sails

Tuesday November 1st Fine pleasant Weather  
at day light Commenced to anchor  
it is eight miles to day that I sailed  
to a whaling post. Have as much  
meat as I want. I have a few  
loaves of bread to be put up. I finished  
cooking oil at 1 o'clock. Dried berries of London  
10 days from Rio Janeiro bound to New Found  
Land. We lowered a boat went on board  
carried letters to send home at 7. Came on  
board and being at 1 o'clock reefed the top  
sails took in gill and spider

Wednesday 2nd Rain employed Stowing water  
at 8 A.M. Got gill and spider at 5 P.M.  
took in fore top sail. Gill spider fore sail  
voyage ship heading to the East and raining all  
these 24 hours that reefed the main top sail  
blowing a fresh gale

Thursday 3rd Breeze weather at 6 A.M. Breeze  
I set fore sail. Gill spider shrouls  
up and the main top sail. Raining at times  
blowing a light gale at 1 P.M. at 4 P.M.  
and 5 P.M. the wind more moderate  
raining most of the time saw two sails  
at 7 P.M. Lacked ship heading East  
S. W. at 8 cleared off at 9 P.M.



Remarks made by Amos C Baker

Friday November 4th. Moderate winds and puffing  
at 1 A.M. shook the reefs out the main  
top sail at 2 tacked heading Eastward  
shook one reef out the fore top sail  
at 6 A.M. tacked again heading S.W.  
employed making scrub broom teeth  
fitting main spencee buang fresh breezes  
attended with rain squalls saw two sails

Saturday 5th Pleasant breeze from the Eastward steering  
South at daylight Called all hands and  
Commenced to stow down pit at 1 P.M.  
spoke Brig Orea Smith of Baltimore  
bound to New York at 4 finished  
stowing down stowed down 53 barrels  
at sun set began to breeze on at took  
in for top gallant sail

Sunday 6th Strong breezes from the N.E. steering  
South by West Nothing in sight at 9 P.M.  
set main royal at 10 set fore top gallant  
sail and hoist fore top gallant  
masts hall the going but small

Monday 7th Moderate breezes from the N.E. steering  
S.West, raining at times watch employed  
beaking out fore hold for shooks fitting main  
top gallant lefts VC at 2 P.M. breezing on  
taken light sails Wind veered round to the  
West S.W. at sun down double reefed the  
top sails at 12 O'clock blowing a gale laying  
to under double reefed main top sail

Tuesday 8th. Commences blowing a fresh gale laying  
to at day light set fore top sail Watch employed  
fitting shooks shifted fore and main top  
gallant Ropes Cooper making bungs Carpenter fitting  
shooks at sun down reefed main brace  
wind came moderate, made sail at 11 O'clock  
P.M. had whole top sails in to her



On Board Bark John Duncan of Boston

Wednesday 9th Commences moderate breeze  
and heavy with much rain. Main  
sprit at day light set back  
at 8 A.M. turned ship heading to the S.  
at 10 tacked again at 12 beat main sprit  
P.M. employed repairing the topsail. The  
sail at dark Wind died away Clewed  
down the top sails at 9 setting up a light  
breeze from North East, steering S.W.  
at 12 set Boga's

Thursday 10th Baring Wind breezy on at 3 A.M.  
took in Boga's at 9 took in fore topsail  
and parted Main topgallant sheet flew  
it and set the sail again parted the Main  
sail doubled reefed the fore top sail. Wind  
breezy on at sunset blowing a gale from  
the East under coast worked main top sail and  
fore sail at 7 P.M. Wind died away to a  
fresh breeze at 12 O'clock had Main topgallant  
sail set as ends this day

Friday 11th Commences fresh breeze and heavy  
on from the W.N.W. at 2 A.M. double the  
the top sails at 3 took in fore topsail. At 10  
Main top sail clewed it up and parted it  
took in the fore sail blowing a gale and a  
heavy sea running at day light lost the bottom  
of the fore sail and foot of the sprit sail. We  
parted the present mast shaver by main fore  
new main brace saying to make fore stay  
stay sail and Main sprit at 10 and  
moderated set fore sail and fore topsail  
ship heading Westward set Main sail  
and Boga's







On board Bark John Dawson of New Bedford

Tuesday 15th of November Commences With light  
breeze from the Westward at 1 P.M. & 10.  
Employed repairing Main  
Main top sail saw Fin Backs at 4 P.M.  
seized down Store top sail finished repairing  
the Main kept it in the place of the Store  
the Store has been lying here at all  
of the pleasure because he had no  
boat out. Sam is rather unwell Sam  
very much sick. Capt he is sick to  
at sun set wind died away forced  
the main sail at 12 Clewed down the sails  
had calm so ends this day

Wednesday 16th Commences Calm employed  
repairing Main sail saw Fin Backs  
Sam is no better. Capt he is better at 5  
P.M. raised spouts called them Sperm Whales  
lowered the Boats and after pulling about 7 Miles  
proved to be Fin Backs I was sadly disappoint-  
ed for I thought of getting along side of a Sperm  
Whale Can on board a Fin letter back next time  
bent the main sail at sun down took in  
light sails sprang up a light breeze from the  
Eastward steering West

Thursday 17th Commences With light breeze from the  
Eastward steering W. At day light raised  
Fin Backs. Employed repairing Main  
top sail raised a shot wild up  
fore mast for the men to lean against at  
the mast heads - Sam is rather better to-  
day. Cooper he is sick he took an Emetic  
he dont like Emetics but the Capt thinks  
they are the best thing for sick people  
saw a flock in the morning but don't capture  
Main top sail and fore sail steering West



Remarks made by James O. Baker

Friday 18th of November Commences with moderate breezes from the North ward steering West at day light set fore top sail a ship in sight at 7 A.M. Commenced to rain. We ship took in fore top sail and fore sail blowing a gale at 10 A.M. set fore sail steering West heavy sea running. Caught a Porpus. at 1 P.M. took in fore sail luffed to the wind at 3 Wind more moderately saw two sails one a Brig steering Northward at 10 set fore sail.

Saturday 19th Commences with light winds from the Southward at day light made sail at 7 A.M. tacked ship at 8 tacked back as in a ship in sight boiled out the Porpus blubber at sunset shortened sail at 12 hauled up the fore sail so ends

Sunday 20th Calm it is a very pleasant day Sam says he is going to shave but I have made my mind up to let my whiskers grow our breakfast was not very delicious this morning but we are going to have Plum Dork for dinner & that will make up for our breakfast. Sam is going to get a good ship this morning at 6 bells A.M. so I must go on deck and stand my watch. At 10 saw two sails one a large ship with no sail set on the fore mast the other a Vermorellette Brig the ship was steering Southward at sunset shortened sail We are now Cruising off River Plate. Caught two Porpusses.



On board Bark John Dawson of New Bedford

Monday 21st Commences with light breeze  
from the N.E. at day light made  
sail at 10 A.M. luffed to the wind  
top sail saw 7 in Back employed  
repairing Fibb Cooper setting up shooks  
Capt. Sunwell at 2 P.M. took the Sea  
and hauled it saw a ship steering South  
ward at sun set shortened sail heading  
Southward

Tuesday 22nd Commences with moderate breeze  
from the N.E. at day light made  
sail strong breeze saw 7 in Back  
Capt is about the same employed various  
work Wicks put some tar on my Whiskers  
but I will come up with him for it  
when shall we get a whale before long I hope  
we want something to drive away the flies  
saw a Bark steering about S.W. at sun set  
shortened sail heading Southward

Wednesday 23rd Commences with light breeze  
from the N.E. at day light made sail  
and wore ship head into E.N.E. Capt about  
the same - Watch employed stripping Blocks  
& C. Mr. G. Smith he slept with Mr. H.  
Smith's picture under his pillow last night  
at 12 o'clock took ship & employed  
cleaning Windlass pull fitting Main top sail  
lifts. Cooper making a balling tub for the  
Captain at sun set shortened sail

Thursday 24th Commences with light breeze from  
the N.E. steering E.S.E. at day light  
strong breeze made sail kept off cleaning  
S. at 10 A.M. luffed to the Wind heading  
N.E. Capt is about the same, watch  
employed fitting foot ropes cleaning Windlass  
pull & C. saw a sail at sun set wore ship  
heading Westward shortened sail at 8 P.M. took  
in the fore sail Cloudy weather so wrote this day



Remarks Made by Amos O Baker

Friday 25th of November Commences With light  
Wind and Cloudy weather at day light  
Made sail steering Southward Capt is  
about the same - Mr Denton is making  
some names to put on his boat I guess.  
I must name the Western boat - Mr Denton  
is naming his Emma - Watch employed  
serving Main top mast back stays at  
sun set shortened sail - at 3 P.M. luffed  
to the Wind heading Westward

Saturday 26th. Commences With fresh breezes from  
Southward breezing on at 2 A.M. took in  
fore sail. The Capt is a little better today  
I have got the Blues the worst kind if I  
was in America today I don't think I ever  
should come to sea again but I am here  
now so I must make the best of it there is  
no use to cry for spilt milk at 7 A.M.  
tacked ship. Tacked again at 8 heading  
N.E. Caught a Porpoise saw a sail at  
sun down took in sail breezing on so ends

Sunday 27th Commences With strong breezes  
from the Northward at day light got  
fore top sail kept off steady S.W.  
at 8 A.M. luffed to the wind heading  
Eastward saw a ship steering Southward  
at 1 P.M. took in Tib saw it in Backs  
light air and variable foggy weather at  
sun down took in fore top sail so ends.

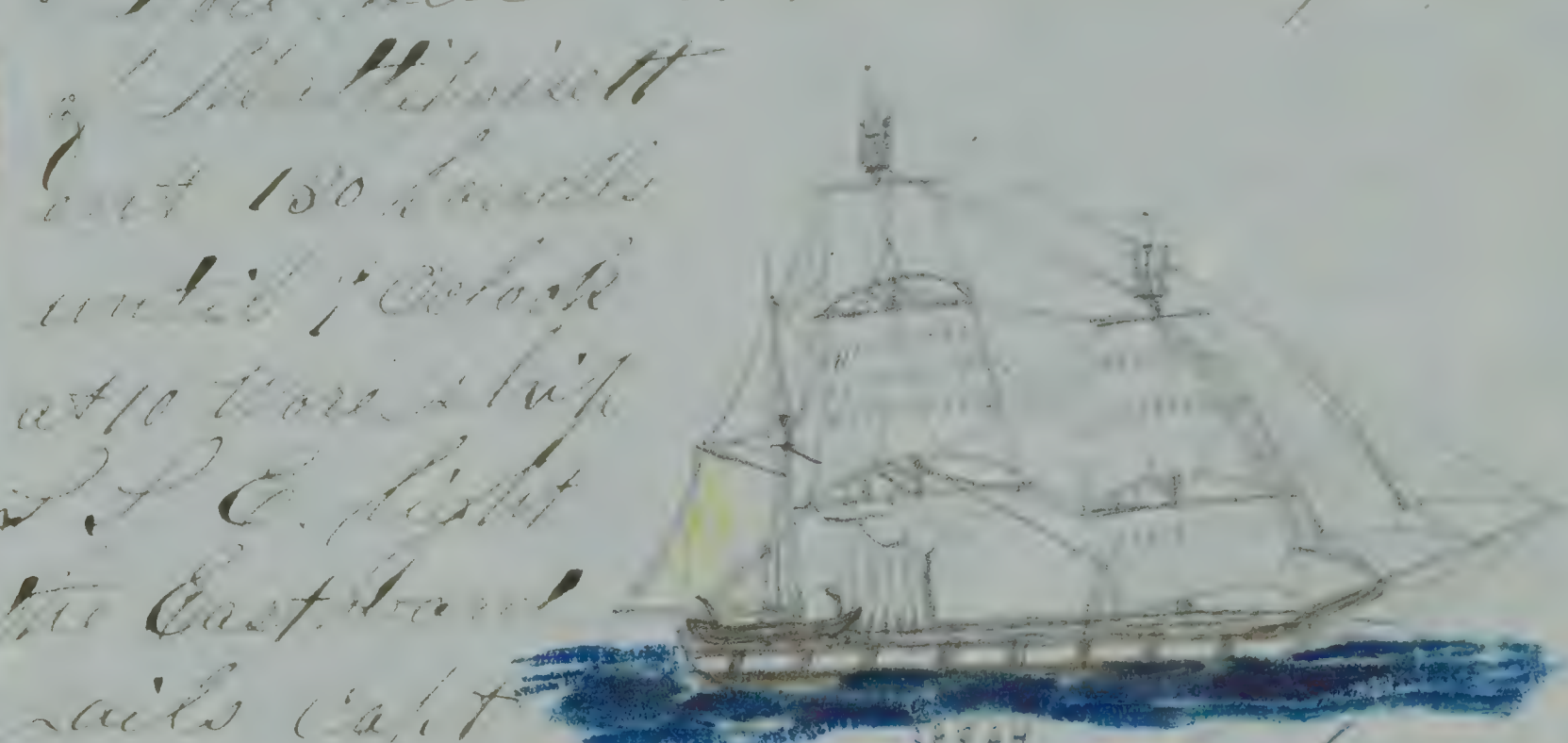
Monday 28th Commences With light air from  
Eastward at day light made sail Caught  
a Porpoise and a larger head turtle also  
Watch employed variously - Capt is  
recovering - At 11 A.M. sprang up a right breeze from  
the Northward at sun set took in sail. It  
has been the warmest day we have had for  
quite a spell



On board Bark John Dawson of Bedford

Tuesday 27th of November Commences with light  
airs from the Northward at day light  
began to blow saw a beautiful Rain Br.  
Ankle reefed the Fore topsail and set it  
Wind variable wind passed around to the  
South East saw a ship steering North  
west at sun down barometer fell in the  
Sea and back heading Northward

Wednesday 30th Commences with light breeze  
from the S. S. W. employed men at the  
Fore sail at 12 O'clock spoke Bark Sarah



14 months  
ago  
1 P.M.  
heading  
breeze from  
South by East  
Cape

is still again today is the first day he has  
been on deck for two weeks - The Nautical  
phrase of visiting is jamming

Thursday December 1st Commences with light  
airs from the Eastward at day light set  
light sails saw a steam ship steering  
Northward - broke out fore hold for bed  
Watch employed drawing and putting  
rope yarns at sun down shortened sail  
heading on the Starboard tack is ends.

Friday 2nd Commences with light airs from  
the Northward at day light wind died away  
Calm thin backs came close to the ship  
Mr. Albert shot a bomb lance into one lowered two boats  
put 3 irons into him lanced him several  
and took out 2 tons of line came on board  
shot another but he made himself scarce done  
quite a days work lost 250 fathoms of line 3 irons and two  
bomb lances, scraped and painted chain plates repaired  
masts and sails. The ship around in a circle at sun set  
had sail set in time to start a back at 12 O'clock ship



Logbook made by J. M. & B. Baker

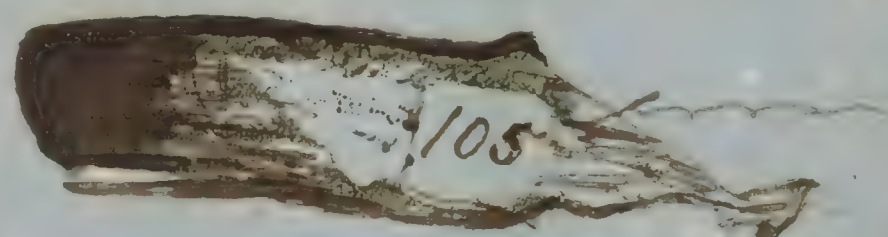
Saturday December 3rd Commences with light winds  
from the Southward. Main topsail aback  
heading E.S.E. at day light. Made all sail  
astern. Steering N.E. Employed variously. Broke  
at 4 hours. Meal filled the hold. Then at  
a little saw 5 in. Backs at sunset. Short  
ened sail heading Westward. Wind from  
the North.

Sunday 4th Commences with a light breeze from  
the North at daylight. Made sail and  
tacked ship heading Eastward. Saw a  
dark streak westward. Had Dinner. Drift  
for dinner. When shall we see a sperm  
Whale. I wonder how all the ships are at  
home today. I should like to be home better  
if we could only go home Saturday night  
and stay until Monday morning. But here  
we are stuck up in an old ship for three or four  
years and only see the same faces every day.  
I am sure that a whale voyage is worth  
more than three or four years of this.

Monday 5th Commences pleasant at daylight.  
Spent the day in the ship. Sperm whales lowered  
the boat. The whales were singing to windward. We  
saw them until 12 o'clock. They pulled up to see  
us. Then they went back. One of the  
boats. The whale. Singing to the main yard posted  
the boat. Came down on deck. got the mast  
and starboard. Boat's store by the whale. got  
sun set got the whale along side the ship.  
hoisted the main yard up. set quarter  
watches for the night. got cutting tacks up  
and cleared up the decks with breezing on  
bows almost a gale.

Lat 34.12 N

Long 50 18 W



This whale was taken 105 miles off Cape Cod.



On board. Bark Toss Dawson of N Bedford

Tuesday 6th of Dec Commenced pugging was then  
at 3 P.M. the chain parted & the rope held at  
the whale at day light. Commenced to cut in  
secured the rope in yard spoke. Bark Herring  
light of New Bedford and ship's keeper of that  
town at sun set finished cutting the body except  
a little of the small Commenced to boil blowing  
in flesh and pugged



Wednesday 7th Commenced moderate weather  
heavy swell on at daylight Commenced  
cutting the head at sun set got the junk  
made the junked on to the case and sailed it  
at 11 P.M. set the watches

Thursday 8th Commenced with moderate  
weather all hands on deck employed hauling  
P.M. cut in the remainder of the whale skin  
and squally a ship and a Bark in sight

Friday 9th Commenced raining got a deer  
on the tracks to boil under all hands on  
deck P.M. began to blow spoke a sperm ship  
saw another ship broke out fore hold for ash

Saturday 10th Commenced blowing a fresh  
gale falling at 8 o'clock P.M. finished boiling  
cooled down all hands on deck all day dead  
the tooth out of the whale saw and washed  
the ship

Sunday 11th Commenced with pleasant weather  
at 10 A.M. the schooner Susan of Sag Harbor  
6 months out for whale 65 sperm at 4 P.M.  
Capt of the schooner came on board proved unfit  
landed on back in sail wind died away Calm



Remarks made by James C. Baker

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Commenced Calm at day light  
called all hands and commenced to stow down  
if the Lucas in sight Capt of the S. came on board  
of us to get some Sinks at dark knocked off stowing  
down back cargo from the S. H. E. heading East

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Commenced with strong breezes  
from the Northward heading Eastward finished  
stowing down washed off rigged a guy on the main  
mull sailing weather saw the sails took the tress  
of the main yard

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Commenced fresh breeze from the  
S. N. E. heading S. H. at day light took waist boat  
in to repair rot the Lib and took sail run a fluke  
rope to get the Rinkes out of it at 2 P. M. finished  
repairing the Boat and put her out on the Charnes  
again so on and so forth at sunset shortened  
sail saw a ship steering Southward so ends

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Commenced with fresh breezes  
from the S. N. E. at 7 A. M. kept off steering  
Southward broke out after hold for Rice Beans  
and towline run two coils of Towline Mended a  
fluke chain at sunset took in sail so ends  
on the Starboard tack heading N. N. W. at 12 o'clock  
the ship heading Eastward

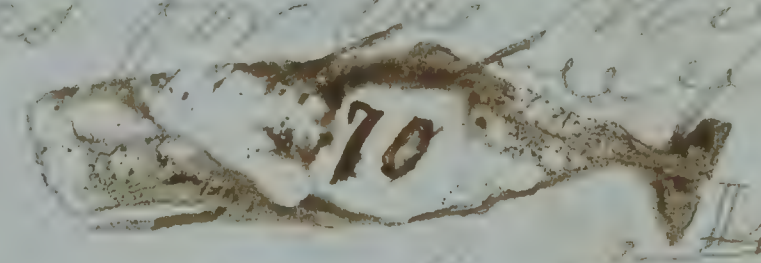
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Commenced with fresh wind from  
the S. N. E. at daylight made sail at 7 A. M.  
took a new Boat down from the beams to get ready  
for whaling at 4 P. M. put the new boat on the  
Starboard Charnes took the old Boat in and put  
her on the beams at sunset shortened sail  
on the Starboard tack heading N. N. W. saw a sail



On Board Ship John W. Brown, of N. Bedford

Saturday 17th Commenced with strong breeze from the Northward at day light made sail this is our wash day P. M. Jugged an 2 downy gull at 4 o'clock raised Sperm whales lowered the boats but could not get a chance to get fast Came on board and took in fore top sail and fore sail so ended

Sunday 18th Commenced rugged with strong breeze at day light raised Sperm whales lowered the boats Last board Boat struck and killed a whale at 1 P. M. took the whale alongside and commenced to cut in at sun set finished the whales body and set boiling watches for the night saw a sail



Lat 35.55 S Long 51.19 W

L.B. 70 barrels of sperm oil

Monday 19th Commenced with fresh breeze A. M. cut in the whales head P. M. bailed the case and cut up the junk boiling all hands busy

Tuesday 20th Commenced pleasant all hands on deck boiling saw a Bark steering westward

Wednesday Commences with fresh breeze from the North at 7 A. M. cooled down the works raised Sperm whales lowered the boats lost run of the whales and came on board again kept off sailing Southward at 2 P. M. S. Howland killed the whales again lowered the boats Waist Boat struck at large whale Mr. Albert killed the whale at 5 o'clock took the whale alongside secured the whale set quarter watches for the night put on things to keep up the fire in the boiler so on and so forth



Lat 35.54 S Long 50.22 W.

W. B. 100 barrels of Sperm



## Crucifixion of River Plate

Thursday, 22nd of Dec. Commenced blowing  
a gale at daylight called all hands and  
commenced cutting the whale at 12 o'clock  
finished cutting the back having run on breast  
the whale out from the ship and commenced  
to boil at sunset raining cooled down stopped  
boiling commenced to boil again so fresh

Friday 23rd Commenced with fresh breezes  
a light swell running at 1/2 the spoke  
with Pacific of New Bedford 8 months out  
60 sperm, and 40 whale at 12 o'clock took the  
top of the whale and commenced to cut  
to head got the head and jaw in on  
back at 1 o'clock of the whale in the  
night



Saturday 24th Commenced with fresh breezes  
back got hooked on to the head at 1 o'clock  
got the jaw in on back the largest jaw  
I ever saw on deck after dinner hooked on  
to the Case at 6 P.M. finished bailing the  
case got the watches at 8 o'clock of the  
Back Liverpool of Dartmouth 15 months  
out 110 sperm

Sunday 25th Commenced with fresh breezes  
all hands back employed boiling. Blowed down  
21 barrels of oil cut up the Lunk, broke out for  
hooks so on and so forth this is a great  
Christmas to us I suppose the folks at home  
are enjoying them selves while us poor fellows  
out here Dressed with gilly from head to foot  
the Captain is sick



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Continued off River into the open whaling  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec Commenced with pleasant  
weather all hands employed stowing down oil  
washing ship. Cooled down the try down this  
morning at 1 o'clock stowed down 3 barrels of  
oil. Mr D is off duty today

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Commenced with pleasant  
weather all hands employed stowing down  
oil stowed down about 50 barrels of sperm oil  
one sail in sight at 7 P.M. raised sperm  
Whales going to windward made all sail lost  
sight of the whales. saw them three pieces  
Capt Cornell is unwell. Mr Duntin is about the

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Commenced with strong wind  
employed lashing spars over the stern stowing  
off the fore hold down the fore part of the whale  
saw and washed off decks a Porpoise, saw  
a man over the side with a log line and brought  
him down the fore hold. The Capt and Mr D  
are still off duty saw 3 sails

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Commenced with strong  
winds from the North west at daylight set more  
sail broke out Reef to Book. P.M. saw Caper  
employed making pumps. Mr D is getting better  
Capt is about the same saw a Bird. Steaming  
westward at 12 o'clock were ship heading S.W.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Commenced with pleasant  
weather a light air from the south west  
at daylight called all hands and commen-  
ced to stow down oil at 4 P.M. finished  
and washed off decks stowed down 45 barrels  
saw Grampuses saw an old Barrell pass by at  
sun set commenced to breeze up from the South  
ward shortened sail headed West



Cruising off River Plate

<sup>1111</sup> Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Commenced with strong breezes from the Northward Broke out for Montevideo this is wash day saw Gannets and Puffins landing Westward on the Starboard tack

Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> 1866 New Year day. A thick puff for dinner Capt broke water this morning. We can't have any more boxes of provisions to put on our ship unless we take it out of our allowance because we get our regular quart a week had some kept back for supper or hard tack at sunset shortened sail and were ship heading N. E by E. thick weather at 12 o'clock were ship again so ends the second mate was out of the quarter deck saw a school of Killers

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a gale from the Northward Watch employed repairing Whales teeth P. M. had a heavy squall furlled the fore sail and closed reefed the main top sail at sunset Moderate

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Commenced with strong breezes from the W. S. W. at daylight made sail. A M. Watch employed repairing the Main sail at 10 A M. bent it repaired cutting block shape saw a sail the weather is better today than it has been for quite a spell Capt is down again today. Wind hauled around S. S. W. at sunset shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading S. E. by E. so ends

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a gale from the Southward at 1 A M furlled the fore sail were ship I have been to mast head two hours and a half this morning cold enough enough to freeze a fellow



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Cruising off River & Pt.

Sunday 10th Commenced with moderate breezes from the Southward heavy sea running at daylight set the fore sail A.M. made all sail employed variously at sun set shortened sail nearly Calm broke out Bedford Park

Monday 11th Commenced with Calm at 2 A.M. light air from the North West wore ship heading S.W. by E. at daylight made all sail struck a sun fish on the fore dree out and we lost it A.M. employed shoring fore topmast star at 11 A.M. took in Flying Jib and Jaff top sail at 12 Took in main top gallant sail Wind increasing raised a squall of the weather bore at 2 P.M. spoke Bark Thomas Daniel of Bristol England. at 5 spoke Bark Fort de France of Marseilles Capt went on board stayed a short time the Boats Crew Came back smiling like a basket of chips half burnt up. rainy weather at 4 P.M. under double reefed top sails wore ship at sunset shortened sail on the Starboard tack Wind from Eastward at 11 P.M. held up raining so ends this day

Tuesday 12th

Commenced with light airs from Eastward at daylight made sail Caught a Porpoise employed variously in ship's duty at 7 P.M. spoke and joined with Bark Pacific of New Bedford at sun set shortened sail at 9 wore ship

Wednesday 13th Commenced with a light breeze from the Northward. at daylight made sail saw two sails - employed repairing a Boat & C. saw 2 porpoises wore ship shortened sail at sun set at 10 P.M. wore ship and took in the fore sail so ends this day on the larboard tack heading Northward



# Cruising off River Plate.

Saturday 14th Commenced with a fresh breeze from the N. W. at day light made sail saw 3 ships. Mr. Albert has knocked under. When shall we get a whale if we don't get a whale before long I shall have the Blues. P. M. doubled up the fore sails fished the main sail tacked ship at 12 o'clock wore ship again at 2 P. M. weather looks bad tomorrow and lightning from the Northward at 5 o'clock in the eve it will be rain. Commenced to rain this day and is raining.

Sunday 15th Commenced with rainy weather and fog. Took land at 9 A. M. spoke 3 ships. 2 from Milford, England 3 days from Buenos Ayres bound to London. We lowered a boat and went on board. Carried letters to be sent home. The Capt gave me 1 lb of Preserved Potatoes and one Capt gave him some Black Fish oil in return. Came on board again at the fore sail and wore ship at 11 A. M. weather improving at 1 P. M. got fore top sail strong breeze from the N. E. in the afternoon back heading N. W. at 5 P. M. wore sail heading N. E. at 6 P. M. at sun set shortened sail cloudy weather had some rain & cold.

Monday 16th Commenced with thick hazy weather light breeze from the North west at 3 P. M. Commenced to rain at 4 o'clock wind backed to the South West at day light strong breeze set the fore sail saw two small wind blowing on at 11 A. M. saw a gale boat. The fore sail and wore ship heading Southward and Eastward so ends this day.

Tuesday 17th Commenced blowing a gale from the Southward. Heavy sea running at 3 A. M. began to moderate at day light light breeze set fore sail and wore top sail at 6 A. M. wore ship saw a sail at 7 made all sail watch employed variously during and noting 100 yards at 2 P. M. tacked ship at 3 o'clock back again at 4 o'clock shortened sail on the fore sail took heading Westward light air and variable from Southward so ends this day.



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New Bedford - Dismal of New Bedford

Tuesday 15th January Commenced with light  
air and sail at 2 A.M. more ship heading Westward  
and from the Northward at last light sail all sail  
Watch employed making Spent gun & C. in a sail  
at 3 A.M. Calm at 3 lowered the Starboard Boat pulled  
about twelve miles went on board a French Ship from  
France and to Calais the Capt gave us five bushels  
of Potatoes we gave him 4 bottles and some Whales  
teeth at 7 P.M. arrived back again took in sail  
light breeze from the Northward on the Starboard  
tack heading N.W. so ends these 24 hours

Wednesday 16th Commenced with light breeze  
from the Northward at 7 A.M. in all sail sail  
Watch employed making Swallow most picking  
up Spent gun & C. at 8 A.M. kept off steering  
N.W. at 4 P.M. saw a school of Fish Baked at  
dinner set out to land sounded found no bottom fresh  
breeze from N.E. at 11 sounded again found bottom  
44 fathoms white and black sand so ends

Friday 18th Commenced with brisk winds from  
S.E. steering W by S. half S. at half past 12 A.M. hove  
to and sounded 37 fathoms white and black sand  
at half past 1 sounded again 25 fathoms, at 3 sounded  
again 20 fathoms at 4 sounded again 15 fathoms at 5  
sounded again 35 fathoms, at 8 sounded again 25 fathoms  
at 10 17 fathoms, raised the coast of South America at  
5 P.M. Came to anchor in 6 fathoms of water at Maldonado  
and opposite Maldonado a Brazilian Bark and Dutch  
Brig lying here went aboard the Brig and staid a  
little while at 4 fathoms of Chain out six Months and  
two days from New Bedford this is the first  
time we have dropped Anchor





# Cruising off River Plate for Spanish

Saturday 21st Commenced with light wind from the Eastward at daylight called all hands worked off deck lowered the foremast about 10 o'clock went on board the ship and took the Capt. of her. Went on shore during all day bought two bags of sugar and a few more things gave the Boat crew 25 Cents to divide between them to get their dinner with. at 10 A.M. in English Inrigale Came in and anchored at sun set came on board and got under weigh with a strong breeze and fair wind took the anchor on the bow and lashed them.

Sunday 22nd Commenced with brisk winds thick weather at 1 A.M. set Main sail and took up out the foremast at 7 untied the cables from the anchors set. Again top gallant sail flying the wind left before put the Capt. in the Starboard boat at sun set at daylight hoisted the fore sails wind from the Northward on the Starboard tack heading Eastward.

Monday 23rd Commenced with light wind from the Northward at daylight made sail about 4 p.m. the cables broke out fore mast so we had to take up foremast making shrougs at sun set Calm shortened sail about twenty fms from shore with Calm and cloudy weather.

Tuesday 24th Commenced with Calm at daylight sprung up light wind from the Eastward on the Starboard tack heading Northward. At 10 at daylight made sail went to employment making shrougs. P.M. passed off the Bellwarks at sun set shortened sail.

Wednesday 25th Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward at daylight made sail saw two sails at 6 o'clock ship set light sails at 7 tacked again saw two more sails at sun set took in sail on the Starboard tack heading Eastward.



Bark John Danson of New Bedford

Thursday 26th of January Commenced with fresh wind from Southward at daylight made sail at 10 A.M. Tacked ship at 1 P.M. Tacked again at 10 spoke Bark Benjamin Cummings of Portsmouth from (Monmouth) at 130 sperm gained until dark had a pleasant gain saw a sail steering Southward. Main Breeze back day before yesterday and set it at sea.

Friday 27th Commenced with fresh wind from the North at daylight the B.C. and another sail in sight made sail at 5 tacked heading Westward the weather looks rainy Capt Cornell is sick again P.M. foggy Weather Watch employed making spun yarn V.C. Wat sun set took in sail at 12 spoke a Bark passed us steering S.W. so ends this day.

Saturday 28th Commenced with fresh breeze from the North at daylight made sail from weather strong breeze on the Starboard tack heading Eastward at sun set shortened sail Moderate breeze drizzly weather Wind from the N.W. so ends this day.

Sunday 29th Commenced with drizzly weather weather heavy from Westward at daylight made sail Steward is sick and I am acting in his place and its punishment to me for I never was out yet for a Steward but I hope it won't be long that I shall have to fill his place at 7 A.M. kept off steering Southward at twelve placed up on the Starboard tack at sun set shortened sail heads S.E. Wind from the Southward wore ship heading Westward at twelve o'clock wore again.

Monday 30th Commenced with strong wind from the S.W. at daylight made sail broke out fore and fore and back out water at 12 wore ship took in the main sail at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading S.W. Wind from the Southward Capt Cornell is about the same.



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Cruising off River. Pilot for Green Shales  
Tuesday 21st of Jan. Commenced with a light  
air from the Southward heavy swell on. at Day light  
made all sail watch employed variously at sun set wind  
did away fuel the Main sail at 9 P. M. clewed down  
the sail at 11 a light breeze came up from the N. E.  
made sail brace around the yard in the Starboard  
tack heading Westward for Lewis this day

Wednesday February 1st 1868. Commenced with  
light breeze from the N. E. at Day light the Main  
sail watch employed repairing & by 4 P. M. was  
making sennets & c. at sun set shortened sail on the  
Starboard tack heading Westward for Lewis this day

Thursday 2nd Commenced light breeze from the  
North at daylight made sail employed variously  
Block at 7 A. M. turned the Starboard tack to N. E.  
her pointed the Boat at sun set shortened sail so  
ends this day

Friday 3rd Commenced with fresh breeze from the  
Northward slightly weather at 1 A. M. made ship heading  
Eastward rainy weather at day light made sail turned  
the Starboard boat down at 6 A. M. wore ship P. M.  
breezing on. rainy. took in fore top sail and fore sail  
at 4 P. M. close reefed the Main Top sail blowing a gale  
from the N. E. at 12 clock wore ship heading Eastward  
so ends this day - a Hurricane did. Big passed us Sunday  
last ward

Saturday 4th Commenced with a gale, squally weather  
and rainy at daylight got close reefed Fore top sail  
shook one reef out the main at 8 A. M. took in Fore top sail  
close reefed the main at 10 blowing a hard gale. wind turned  
to the Westward at 2 P. M. at close reefed Fore top sail  
put up preventer braces kept off steering Northward  
saw a sail steering Northward under close reefed Top  
sails at sun set luffed to the wind on the Starboard  
tack at 12 clock the ship ended this day



1850

Sunday February 6th Commenced with a Norwest gale from the Westward at day light shook one reef out the Top sail set Fore sail kept off steering N. B. by N. at 7 A. M. it is with ~~melancholy~~ painful feelings we have to record the melancholy accident that occurred on board a Pig got choked with a piece of gristle the Pig died and then stuck to save his life at 2 P. M. kept off N. W. at sunset shortened sail luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack wind moderating

Monday 6th Commenced light air from the South East at day light made sail at 7 kept off steering N. W. watch employed filling a new Main top sail runner and Fore top sail runner at 4 P. M. raised 30000 shot the Boats got within 8 fathoms of one twice but the whale was too shy for us to strike the whale had a scar on his Starboard side where he had been struck at dark Came on board shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading N. W. by N. Wind from the Southward and Eastward at 11 wore ship heading East. the Whales were going about S. W. at 12 took in Fore top sail breezing on so ends this day

Tuesday 7th Commenced with strong winds from Northward and breezing on at 3 a. m. passed us steering Eastward. wore ship heading N. W. by W. at day light made sail broke out after hold for Bait and Pork - at 8 A. M. wore ship heading Eastward at 12 kept off steering S. S. W. opened the 1st cask pig (manning and ~~Taylor~~ have some Nantucket Good Clot - at sunset shortened sail luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack heading N. W. one sail in sight

Wednesday 8th Commenced with fresh wind from the North at day light made sail. saw white water at 6 wore ship Commenced to break out Fore hold to stow down some oil - All hands on deck stowed down 18 barrels of sperm oil broke out a new Fore top mast stay sail - steering Westward at sunset luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack. strong wind from the N. E. wind so fresh this day



Thursday 7th Commenced with strong wind from the N. at daylight made sail, hauled, and hoisted variously bend 2nd and 3rd top masts stayed sail, the newendants at 12 O'clock tacked. Raised 6. sail a Brig steering Southward at sun shortened sail and put

Friday 10th Commenced with fresh breeze and variable Cloudy atmosphere at 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M. the ship at daylight made sail kept off steering N.N.W. Cooper employed repairing Oil Casks. H. M. Watch employed repairing Main Spencer finished it at 12 O'clock went it saw a Brig and a Ship steering about N.E. at 5 P.M. tacked and took in all sail except close reefed Main top sail and fore top mast stayed sail. Weather looked bad

Saturday 11th Commenced with light breeze from the Southward at daylight made all sail kept off steering N. East. saw a sail steamer at sunset tacked and shortened sail and with a Calm. I almost forgot some one stole an egg out the Arch

Sunday 12th Commenced Calm at daylight hauled sail at 6 A.M. light breeze sprang up from the N. made all sail - it is a beautiful day. I should like to beat home and go to Meeting - (not only go to Meeting but to see some of my Lady Acquaintance). And the day is so fine but many a day will pass before I shall see that day we want 100 pounds more then we will give her the Rite and steer for New Bedford P.M. Calm. Caught 104 small fish at sunset shortened sail a light breeze sprang up from the Northward

captain's log  
1840  
10/12/40



1860

Monday 13th of February Commenced with light  
wind from the Northward at day light spoke Ship  
Mainst & Jemie of Boston & Bayle from New York  
toward San Francisco W. lowered a boat and went  
on board Capt got some papers - made sail at 11.  
went putting a new sand in the spanker at 2 P.M. spoke  
Sh. Lophor of New Bedford 2 months out clear gained  
until 9 o'clock P.M. saw Killis and Greenhouse  
and 3 other sails

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Tuesday 14th Commenced with strong wind from  
the Northward at 1 wore ship heading E N E. at day  
light set fore sail wind died away made all  
sail employed repairing aft topsail at 1 P.M.  
raised foremast off the beam kept off for them  
near point on. nearly calm at sun set took in sail  
at 12 o'clock was ship so pale

Wednesday 15th Commenced with light breeze  
from the E S E. wind increasing at day light strong  
breeze made sail employed setting up Mainst &  
Mast and J. J. gallant back stay lower sail off  
at sunset at 10 o'clock and shortened sail at 12  
was ship heading Eastward and the day

Thursday 16th Commenced with strong breeze from  
the Northward made sail at day light. Shortened the  
sail to the Main yard. Capt took the Mast head from  
the ship at 7 A.M. put a new one on at 12 o'clock  
tacked P.M. Capt. C and Mr. G. had some pleasant con-  
versation at sunset shortened sail and tacked ship the  
weather looks rainy at 9 set Jib and Spanker

Friday 17th Commenced with fresh wind from the  
N N E. at day light made sail strong breeze that employed  
overhauling blocks at 10 A.M. commenced to rain wore ship  
clewed up and clewed down at 12 furled fore top sail  
at 2 P.M. took in fore sail - kept the spanker



Saturday 18th. Commenced with strong wind from the N.E. at day light set two Top sail & fore sail tacked ship heading Eastward at 6 A.M. set Main Mast and Gaff under double reefed top sails. Charles gave a long yell at the Wheel this morning because he wanted to put his clothes on board. P.M. saw white water at sun set shortened sail and wore ship this day ends with strong wind from the Northward.

Sunday 19th Commenced cloudy overcast weather at 2 P.M. wore ship heading Eastward at 10 more or less. We can't see nothing that looks like a whale and I am getting the blues. I wish I could get a letter from home. I guess my folks don't think much of me if they did they would write to me. We have seen 4 ships lately from home but my letters for me at 2 P.M. Wind hauled to Southward and commenced to rain this day ends raining.

Monday 20th Commenced raining Water prophesies catching rain water. I believe we are going to have a flood. A.M. stopped raining. Kept off sleeping but was blowing a gale at 4 P.M. rolled decks. heavy sea pouring pouring heavy ships water over both sides at 5 luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack heading Eastward saw a sail off lee beam on the Starboard tack.

Tuesday 21st. Commenced blowing a light gale at day light. Made sail wind more moderate at 6 A.M. tacked ship and shook the reefs out the Main Top sail and employed fitting a New toping lift for Spanker boom at 2 P.M. had all sail set Main Royal stay parties put up another at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading S.W. wind from the S.W.



1860

Tuesday 22nd of February Commenced with light  
breeze from the S.W. at sun rise made sail at 6  
in the forenoon to put another reef band in it  
tacked ship heading Westward at 11 A.M. tacked ship  
bent the spanker at sun set shortened sail the weather  
looks bad at 9 P.M. pulled fore top sail at half past  
11 close reefed the main topsail

Wednesday 23rd Commenced with a fresh gale from  
the W.S.W. Laying to under close reefed main topsail  
fore top mast stay sail and main spanker at 6  
A.M. wore ship set reefed spanker 4 men aloft  
if there were a hundred whales around us we could  
not cover a boat for one. a boat cant live in this  
sea

Thursday 24th Commenced blowing a gale from the  
Southward at daylight moderated strong breeze at 6  
A.M. made sail at 11. The weather wind  
from Eastward steering Westward at sun set shortened  
sail luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack at 12 P.M.  
wore ship so ends this day

Friday 25th Commenced with a fresh breeze  
from the Eastward at 4 A.M. wore ship  
at sun rise made sail P.M. saw a sail of weather  
ward at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard  
tack heading Northward at 10 wore ship heading  
Eastward so ends this day

Saturday 26th Commenced with strong wind from  
the N.E. at 6 A.M. set fore sail at 7 pulled it again  
pauling - the weather looks bad I wonder how the weather  
is at home today at sun set close reefed the fore  
top sail at 8 tacked ship at 11 tacked again so ends  
this day



Monday 27th Commenced with strong wind from the Northward at day light equally at 7 AM furled fore top sail and fore sail set the fore top sail at 8 and it again raining all the time at 9 close reefed the main top sail and reefed the spanker at 11 set fore sail at 12 held up raining after dinner set fore top sail close reefed shook one reef out the main going at times steering N by E. at sun set steered N by E. wind from the W. S. W. at 7 PM furled the fore sail at 11 luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack heading Southward

Tuesday 28th Commenced with strong wind from the W. S. W. at sun rise set fore sail shook one reef out fore top sail at 7 set till and spanker and Main sail the weather looks squally at 8 took in the Main sail again at 11 shook the reefs out the main top sail at 1 PM single reefed the Main top sail at 3 close reefed the fore top sail at 4 double reefed the Main top sail love new Wheel ropes saw 5 sails at sun set put her under close reefed Main top sail reefed spanker fore top mast stay sail and Main spanker on the Starboard tack heading Westward - John Linkhorn came aft and made a complaint about not having enough to eat Capt said they would get what the crew fit to give them

Wednesday 29th Commenced with a light gale from the S. S. W. at sun rise set close reefed fore top sail and fore sail kept off steering NW at 9 AM raised White-water Watch employed shortening stay sail pendant. so on and so forth at 1 PM luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack heading Westward at sun set wore ship and shortened sail this day ends with light airs from the S. S. W.



1860

March 1st

Thursday ~~1st~~ Commenced with light airs and Calms at day light made sail & broke out after hold for Lake Cheese Orions O.C. at 7 A.M. finished breaking out & employed repairing Caber Cores & C. this is the finest day we have had for weeks but we cant see a whale that is the worst of it at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard took heading Eastward Wind from the Northward at sun set Commenced to bring up at 12 o'clock furled Fore top sail blowing strong so ends this day

Friday 2nd Commenced with strong Wind from North at day light made sail at 11 A.M. shook reefs out Main top sail, stowing S, S, F. Wind from N. Watch employed variously in ship's duty at 1 kept the S, S, W. set Main top gallant sail and shook reefs out Fore top sail at sun set shortened sail and luffed to the Wind on the Starboard tack

Saturday 3rd Commenced with strong winds from the Northward at 2 AM saw a sail at day light broke out Reef and Bore at 7 set fore sail at 11 furled the fore sail again heavy swell running PM Rainy Weather at sun set Close reefed Main Top sail furled fore top sail

Sunday 4th Commenced fresh winds from West at day light made sail at 7 AM made all sail Wind light Latitude at 12 o'clock 33. 52 S. we cant see anything that looks like a whale at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard took heading Eastward at 12 PM took ship and took in Fore top sail blowing strong from the N. N. E.



1860

Monday March 5th Commenced with a gale from N.E. the weather looks dubious (at 9 AM) close reefed the main top sail and wore ship blowing a gale P.M. rain set fore top sail and fore sail at 6 P.M. took them in again at 12. Wore ship so ends this day

Tuesday 6th Commenced with strong winds from the Southward overcast weather saw a Brig steering N.E. employed strapping blocks at 10 P.M. took in fore top sail and fore sail at 4 wore ship at sun set blowing a gale

Wednesday 7th Commenced blowing a gale from the E.N.E. at 2 A.M. wore ship heading N.E. at 7 wore ship again wind moderate set the fore sail took it in again at 10 o'clock set fore top sail raised a sail to windward at 1 P.M. shook one reef out the main top sail at 5 gamed with ship Lephyr she has taken a sperm whale since we saw her that made them go barrels gamed until 10 o'clock at 12 wore ship so ends this day the L in sight

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Thursday 8th Rainy weather weather strong breeze from the Northward at 7 set the fore sail took one reef out the main top sail at 11 raised white water to windward shook one reef out fore top sail set flying jib and gaff top sail at 12 raised the Lephyr wind moderate at sun set tack ship and shortened sail at 12 wore ship so ends

Friday 9th Rainy weather it rains 32 days out of a month in this part of the globe often when I have shoes out and its raining hard I pity those poor fellows at home that are going to parties and kissing the girls and another thing they are often tempted from the paths of virtue while us out here have nothing to lead us astray except when we have to close reef the main top sail raining pitch forks and blowing great guns then we are tempted to swear a little but we never do



1860

Saturday 10th of March

And Breeze

Pleasant weather light airs and variable this is the first pleasant day we have.

Had for quite a spell there is a whale ship in sight (manoeuvring we don't know whether she is whaling or not) and we have not wind enough to get to her but perhaps we shall get a breeze this afternoon - Oh dear how I wish we could see a Sperm whale I have got the blues and soon shall have the horrors if we don't see one before long. P. M. braced the yards round several times at dark shortened sail and hauled main yard aback set a light in the Mizen rigging the ship to windward did not come down but the ship fueled Jib spanker and fore sail, a fresh breeze from the Northward

Sunday 11th Commenced with a fresh breeze from the Northward at sun rise made sail on the Starboard tack heading N.E. at 6 A. M. kept off during P. M. a sail in sight to windward, I guess I shant go to meeting to day - I would like to meet a large Sperm whale - we would lower down our Boats and salute him. at 10. A. M. had a heavy squall clawed down and chewed up double pulled the main top sail it rained like fury drops as large as hens Eggs - at 11 wind died away Calm at 12 sprang up a breeze from Southward at 5 P. M. spoke Ship Christopher Mitchell of New Bedford 43 Months out 22 barrels of whale and 100 sperm jammed until 8 o'clock - wore ship at 12 o'clock the C. M. in sight. set fore sail Jib and spanker

Monday 12th. Pleasant weather at 8 o'clock Capt. C. went on board the Christopher Mitchell we have all our letters aboard of her to go home. I am sent an old pair of trousers to his folks. I shall be glad when the day comes for us to square away for home the C. M. is bound home at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading South West



Tuesday 13th Commenced with a fresh breeze from the Southward at sun rise made sail - wind increasing a sail in sight to windward at 11 A.M. spoke ship Brunswick of Dartmouth. 3 and a half Months out 200 sperm had letters for us but put them aboard of the ship India yesterday its just our luck at 12 passed another sail at 3 P.M. Commenced to break out the after hold for Beef & Pork weather looks bad rained at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading Eastward. set up a Pig sty between the try works and main hatch.

Wednesday 14th Commenced with a moderate gale from the Southeast at 2 A.M. wore ship heading S. at day light made sail at 8 shook reefs out the top sails squally and rained at 11 raised a sail at 1 P.M. double reefed the main top sail a large merchant ship passed us to windward, saw the Brunswick at 4 tacked at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading Southward

Thursday 15th. Commenced with light airs from the E.S.E. at sun rise made sail unbent the foresail to repair it at 4 P.M. finished it and bent it - Calm - at sun set a light air sprang up from the Eastward shortened sail

Friday 16th Commenced with light airs from the E.N.E. at sun rise made sail unbent the Main sail to repair it at 2 P.M. bent the Main sail at sun set shortened sail at 11 tacked heading E by S. after 4 o'clock John Portugee got the ship aback can't get him at the wheel until 12 o'clock at night perhaps its right, but I don't think it is but I didn't shift to think at least not aloud so mums the word



1860

Saturday 17th of March - Just five years ago to day I arrived home from my first voyage little did I think that day I ever should be caught awhaling again but here I am just as soon as when I began. well I ought to be content for there's many a poor fellow worse off than I am - well we've got a strong breeze from the Eastward at 7 A.M. raised spouts run for them at 9 saw them again proved to be Grampuses when shall we see those welcome fish Sperm whales at 10 spoke Ship Zephyr gamed in tit 8 P.M. at 11 wore ship.

Sunday 18th It is a beautiful day (we are standing S.W. Can't see any thing that looks like a whale. saw Grampuses at sun set shortened sail luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack heading S.E. at 12 o'clock wore ship heading N.W.

Monday 19th Commenced with fresh breeze from the N.E. at daylight made sail strong breeze saw a spout but could not make out what it was supposed it to be a Grampus at 10 A.M. Called all hands furled the fore sail and reefed the main top sail kept the watch on deck long enough to wet them through then sent them below at 12 blowing a gale raining at times P.M. wind increasing reefed the spanker at sun set blowing a heavy gale



View of the Hog pen and hen coop on board the Bark John Dawson as it looked half finished on the 19th of March in a gale of wind off River Plate.



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March Commenced with a gale from the S.W. at day light more moderate made sail and wore ship set Main top gallant sail and took it in again all hands employed working on the Hog house and then observatory it will be complete about the first of next month. at 2 P.M. tried to tack could not so we bore hauled her around at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading S.W. Cooper is on his beam ends.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Commenced with a moderate breeze from the Northward at day light set the Courses. at 7 shook reefs but the top sails spliced flying jib pendants Cooper has not shown any signs of recovery yet. at 3 P.M. double reefed the top sails furled the main sail fitted a new fore royal stay on Hog house and then roost is finished it draws a great deal of attraction Mr D says he's going to buy it and make an omnibus out of it all he wants is a Donkey. at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack at 12 o'clock wore ship.

Thursday 22. I am twenty one years old to day now I am my own Man how time slips away yesterday I was a little boy — this is not a very pleasant day we are steering East wind from the West put up a new fore royal stay this fore noon at 5 P.M. raised a sail at sun set shortened sail and luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack heading south east ward at 10 Came on squally clewed down Main top sail at 12 furled fore top sail and close reefed the main blowing fresh and squally.



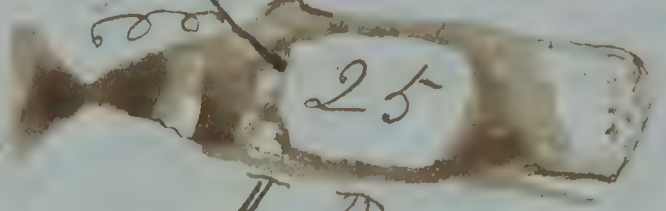
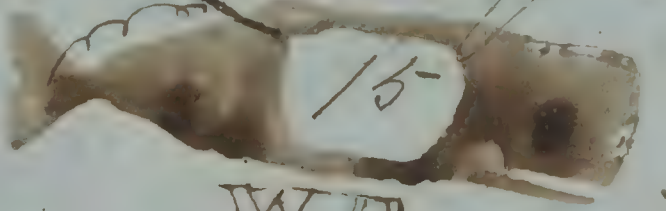
Friday 23rd of March Commenced rainy and squally at 2 P.M. wind shifted round to the Southward headed round the main top sail at 3 clearing a gale and raining at day light raised a sail at 6 wore round at 7 kept off steering S.W. the sail proved to be a stunner steering Westward, at 8 set the fore sail squally and rain clearing again at 1 P.M. took in the fore sail and luffed it East at 5 saw a large merchant ship steering about W. S.W. under close reefed top sails and reefed fore sail. at 6 reefed the main top sail over again luffed to the wind. how I do pity those unhappy folks ashore such times as these are

Saturday 24th Commenced with squally weather at day light set fore sail and fore top sail at 7 P.M. shook two reefs out the top sails Moderate breeze from the Southward on the Starboard tack heading Eastward

Sunday 25th Commenced with fresh breeze from the Southward at sunrise made sail squally weather wonder if it is squally at home today I guess I could make good weather of it if I were there I'm losing my appetite for I can't eat mince pie and I seldom eat ice cream or Cream Cakes Sam is just as hearty as an Elephant Mince pie don't turn his stomach I wish I was so - Capt. C. is on his beam ends again - at 1 P.M. wore ship at 3 wore again at sunset shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading N.E. ward

Monday 26th Commenced squally and rainy at day light made sail raised spouts proved to be sea Capt. after breakfast broke out Corn & Coal from the hold and set light sails. I watched with Capt. four hours last night he is no better, we are on the starboard tack heading N.E. at half past 6 P.M. tacked heading Eastward I guess we are bound off



Tuesday 27th. Commenced with light air from the  
 Eward at 4 A.M. tacked at day light saw a large  
 ship steering S.W. saw Porpoises the first we have seen  
 for months. Capt is about the same at 7 A.M.  
 Sam Howland raised sperm whales covered the  
 Boats about 10 o'clock Starboard Boat struck  
 waist Boat struck another at 2 P.M. got  
 them alongside and cut them in finished  
 cutting at 9 in the evening rugged weather  
 set the watch employed breaking out  
 the Blubber room and stowing down the  
 Blubber   Lat 33 34 S'  
 Long 46 30 W  
 L.B. W.B.

Wednesday 28th Rugged and rain close  
 reefed the main top sail unrove cutting jib  
 at 10 were ship rainy weather Can't boil after  
 dinner cleared off. Commenced to boil and cut up  
 horse pieces wind from the N.N.E. on the Starboard  
 tack heading Eastward. Capt. C is about the  
 same

Thursday 29th Wind hauled to the W.N.W.  
 steering N.E. at day break rainy at 7 A.M.  
 fine weather set whole top sails and main top  
 gallant sail. fine breeze. all hands on deck  
 employed boiling & clearing away the whale  
 heads and cutting cutting up junk. I hear  
 the Capt is a little better

Friday 30th. At 1 A.M. Cooled down the works  
 and put on the fat lean - light wind from S.W.  
 steering N.E. employed clearing up the decks at  
 10 A.M. raised a sail - if I were at home I should  
 not be here if I had known as much the day I signed  
 my name to this ships articles I should not be here  
 now although I get alongs very well. but there's  
 too much partiality shown to suit me still  
 I can't say I've misused the amount of it  
 I don't give them a chance to use otherwise than good



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Saturday 31st of March Commenced with Calm  
in top tubs of line braced the yards around several  
times so on and so forth. At 10 A.M. sent down Main  
boom and bent the sail and sent it up again  
but did not haul back stays and head stay  
at sun set light air from E. N. E. on the starboard  
tack heading Southward at 10 P.M. set main  
sail

Sunday April 1st. Overcast weather and drizzly  
Mr. Roberts fooled the Starboard watch this morning  
light breeze from the E. N. E. on the starboard tack  
heading Southward at sun rise took in Main sail  
I got the blue devils I wish I could feel as I used to  
last voyage never mind this voyage won't last forever  
put up fore top Main top gallant back stays this  
forenoon at sun set commenced to breeze on drizzling  
took in light sails at half past 10 set them again the  
Ice Cat head is a stranger sometimes heading N.

Monday 2nd Commenced with brisk wind from  
the E. N. E. at half past 4 A.M. Carried away spanker  
gaff took in light sails at sun rise more moderate  
thick drizzly overcast weather fitted the spanker  
gaff again set the light sails employed repairing  
an old fore top sail at 3 P.M. tacked at 6 tacked  
again wind increasing heads N. N. W. close hauled  
took in light sails

Tuesday 3rd Brisk wind from the N. E. by N. at  
3 A.M. tacked heading E. by N. close hauled  
on the Starboard tack employed repairing fore  
top sail after dinner unbent fore top gallant sail  
to repair it at 4 P.M. unbent fore top sail  
and bent another in its place at dark bent  
fore top gallant sail again. heads E. N. E.  
at half past 7 came up to N. E. by N. so ends  
light breeze



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 Wednesday 4th. Commenced with light breezing  
 winds set the main royal at day light took it in  
 steering N.E. by N. Subbed fitting new Main top  
 back stays and head stay attached. took down the  
 old ones and put the new ones up wind hauled to  
 the S.W. Copied one Cask of oil ready to stow down at  
 sun set, set the Main royal

Thursday 5th. Pleasant weather all hands  
 employed stowing down oil at 3 P.M. raised  
 a sail at 5 finished stowing washed off the decks  
 stowed 41 Casks of sperm oil. steering N.E. by N. at  
 2 P.M. steering N.E. wind from the S. Edward at  
 sun set. set the Main royal Mr. Dunthin is unwell

Friday 6th. Fresh breezes from the Eastward  
 employed sending up & taking in sail from head  
 in studding sails. stowing cutting falls down  
 fore hatch at day light took in main royal at  
 sun set. set it again put up fore top  
 back stay — Sam is rather unwell I expect  
 we shall all be sick before long. Mr. Wicks has  
 commenced to write letters to send home from  
 Bermuda I should begin yet awhile. we are  
 on the Starboard tack close hauled heading  
 N by E. I wish the wind would come fair.

Saturday 7th. Light airs hot sultry weather wind from  
 the N.E. ward. at 1 P.M. tacked at sunrise took in  
 Main royal at 1 tacked again at 2 P.M. tacked again  
 ran two sails at sun set. set the Main royal. were  
 all getting sick I wish the wind would come  
 fair for I want to get in to port. Sam is no better  
 Mr. D. is about the same Mr. A. is rather unwell  
 my health has been good so far I hope it will continue  
 to be good. at half past 10 tacked again



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Sunday 8th of June Pleasant weather hot sun  
saw a Brig at 1 A M steering Eastward at half  
past 2 placed around the yards at 10 A M. raised  
a sail at 6 A M. tacked, Lam and Mr D. are  
getting a little better. at sounded no bottom  
at 65 fathoms.

Monday 9th. Not sultry weather light air from  
Eastward employed setting up Main top gallant  
stays Knotting rope yards W.C. at 12 o'clock tacked  
heading Southeastward at 5 P.M. tacked again  
at 9 A.M. sounded no bottom at 65 fathoms  
saw ~~two~~ sails one of them a steamer. our sick  
ones are about the same - at 11 sounded no bottom  
at 12 sounded no bottom so ends

Tuesday 10th Not sultry weather at 1 A.M.  
sounded no bottom at 65 fathoms at 3 sounded  
no bottom at 5 sounded no bottom Cooper went  
to work before daylight Mr A sent him to  
put on Scotchman Cooper sail he turned the  
scotchman heels up and made him fast  
at daylight saw Land Coast of South America  
at half past 6 tacked Smith says he is going to  
set up a tailors shop when he gets to Bermuda  
Cooper says he never was drunk but twice the  
first time and last A.M. employed repairing  
a top sail light air from the E. & S. P.M. light  
air and Calm at 5 Washed off our little  
Rig died this afternoon Smith says he had  
the blind staggers braced round the yards  
heads N.E.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Hot sultry weather light air from the Northward some ship on the Starboard tack heading Eastward employed repairing a top sail unless we're in the Devil's pocket for we can't get a fair wind and the sun is not enough to heat a fellow. P. M. Calm finished the top sail at 4 am bent the main top sail bent the one repaired in its place at 6 set fore top mast studding sail and main top gallant studding sail. Light air from the S. E. at 7 sprang up a light breeze from the S. E.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. Hot sultry weather light breeze from the S. E. saw several sails one a steamer employed serving top gallant backstays and setting them up at 1 P. M. took in studding sails wind freshens at 4 p.m. and squally at 5 set studding sails again sounded 29 fathoms white sand 1 p.m. and squally so ends

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Hot sultry weather wind variable Calm at times. employed variously repairing off main top gallant backstays put a cask of water in the But broke out after food for Beef and Pork saw 3 sails at 4 P. M. sounded fathoms no bottom at 12 set studding sails

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. Warm weather. Wind variable Calm at times at day light took in studding sails saw several sails at 3 P. M. set top mast and top gallant studding sails bent a lower studding sail at 4 set it filled the Harness Cask with Beef and Pork at sun set set main royal light air and variable



1860

Sunday April 15th. Hot sultry weather Calm  
light airs at times several sails in sight Latitude  
lat 12 o'clock <sup>Lat</sup> 11.12. south. Long about 87 deg W.  
At sunset set the main royal at 7 P.M.  
took in lower studding sail hauled at the fore sail  
Calm so ends this day

Monday 16 Calm Hot weather 8 sails in  
sight employed fitting the truss to the main  
yard - getting things ready to wet the hold at  
1 P.M. Capt took a boat went on board  
of an American Bark Came back at 4. The  
vessel belonged to Boston from Rio bound  
to New Orleans at 4 o'clock wet the oil for the  
first time at 6 set lower studding sail and  
main royal at 7 took in the lower studding sail  
the name of the Bark was Leone of Salem

Tuesday 17th. Light air and variable employed  
stripping fore top gallant shrouds at 10 A.M.  
lowered the Boats for a school of Killers but  
could not get on to them Came on board at  
11. 15 sails in sight. we are on the Starboard  
tack close hauled heading Northward

Wednesday 18th. Pleasant weather fresh breeze from  
the Eastward on the Starboard tack close hauled  
employed setting up fore top gallant rigging so on and  
so forth. several sails in sight afternoon light airs  
temporary showers of rain At sunset set main  
royal fresh breeze heading NNEward



Thursday 19th. Pleasant weather close hauled on the Starboard tack heading NE by N. employed stripping fore top mast rigging putting on patterns &c on V.C. making spinnaker saw two sails

Friday 20th. Pleasant weather light wind from the Eastward employed stripping fore top mast shrouds making spinnaker &c. At 4 P.M. set the hold at 6 set studding sails had a rain squall at 7 one sail in sight. at half past 7 took in studding sails

Saturday 21st. Pleasant weather light wind and variable at 7 set studding sails blowing fresh at 8 wind died away. saw two sails at sun set took in studding sails set main royal wind light from E.S.E.

Sunday 22. Pleasant weather light wind on the Starboard tack heading NEward at 4 P.M. kept off steering NE half E. set studding sails at 11 took in studding sails so ended

Monday 23. Pleasant weather employed in fitting a new bold to the spanker sail, tipping fore top mast rigging at 4 P.M. wet hold &c on and so forth. light breeze from the E.S.E. on the Starboard tack close hauled heading NE

Tuesday 24. Pleasant weather employed putting on patterns on the fore top mast rigging strapping blocks &c light wind from the Eastward on the Starboard tack close hauled



Wednesday 25th of April Pleasant weather at  
sun rise raised the island of Ferdinand Noronha  
Lat 3.53. South. Long 32.25 West. passed within about  
5 or 6 miles to westward of it. employed rattling the  
fore top mast rigging stripping main & C. at 9 AM  
set lower studding sail kept off steering N by W.  
light wind from the E S E ward. Several sails  
in sight one a steamer steering south west at  
4 PM took in lower studding sail PM. had  
temporary showers of rain. at 2 PM lost sight  
of the Land this day ends with variable winds  
with temporary showers

Thursday 26th Pleasant. broke out fore hold for  
water and bread at day past 8 spoke Bark  
Amazon of Fair Haven 42 Months out 1500 whale  
300 Green bond home gamed until dark I lined  
aboard the N had water soaked duff for stoves  
and other sail in sight

Friday 27th. Commenced with squally and  
rainy weather at day light saw 3 sails off  
lee beam employed making spun yarn stripping  
main top mast rigging at sun set breeze sprang  
up from the Southward set lower studding  
sail at 4 PM. wet the hold this day  
ends rainy & squally

Saturday 28th. Commenced pleasant light wind  
from the S E ward steering N by W. but sun  
cloudy rain at times saw one sail this day ends  
calm and cloudy



Sunday 29th. Calm weather rain at times. Shall we ever get a fair wind I hope so before long for I want to get in port. we are nine and a half months at sea its time we were in port. at 4 P.M. raised 3 sails at 8 a light breeze sprang up from the N.E. ward on the starboard tack heading N by W.

Monday 30th Cloudy weather light breeze from the N Eastward. employed making aboard mat rattling over top gullnet rigging squally and rainy. saw four sails at 4 P.M. wet the whole

Tuesday May 1st 1860 Cloudy weather fresh breeze from the N.W. steering full and by on the starboard tack employed making aboard mat making scrub broom teeth so on and so forth. Lat  $12^{\circ}02'N$ . Long  $35^{\circ}46'W$ . this day ends with strong winds at dark set studding sails. saw two sails

Wednesday 2nd. Strong wind from the N.W. Close hauled on the starboard tack heading NNW. employed putting rattlines on main top mast rigging and fore rigging. Lat  $4^{\circ}13'N$  Long  $37^{\circ}27'W$

Thursday 3rd. Brisk trades from the N.W. ward on the starboard tack heading about N by W. employed putting mat on the main top mast rigging stripping it off. Lat  $6^{\circ}49'N$  Long  $3^{\circ}00'W$ .

Friday 4th. Brisk trades from the NE. Close hauled on the starboard tack. employed putting rattlines on the main top mast rigging Mats & C. at 4 P.M. wet hold. Lat  $9^{\circ}27'N$ . Long  $40^{\circ}55'W$ . at 2 steering NW. by N. set studding sails



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Saturday May 5th. Bisk trades from the NE steering NW by N Lat at 12 M. 11.58 N Long at 10. A. 43.34 W. this is our wash day so the water on deck have been employed washing their dirty clothes when shall we get to Bermuda Ham in a hurry for I expect to get a letter when we get there at 4 PM. lower studding sail yard broke took it in bent on another yard and set it again at 10 took in lower studding sail braced the yards a little wind hauled Northward a little

Sunday 6th. Bisk wind from NNE steering NW by N one year ago I arrived home from a 43 months voyage little did I think at that time I should be here now, but here I am and here I must be for a spell. None but those that have experienced a whale voyage know the miseries of a spouters life here we are deprived of society friends and home here we are beating the blue sea day after day all we can see is blue water sometimes we see a sail causes a little excitement if it be a whale ship or when we fall in with a sperm whale then its hurraw boys - at other times everything seems dull. Lat at 12 M 14.37 N. at 2 PM squceeded the yards a little set lower studding sail Long 45.38<sup>W</sup>  
45.57

Monday 7th. Light wind from the Eastward pleasant weather employed putting rattines on top masts jigger taking down J C. Lat 16.28 N. these twenty four hours ends with light airs

Tuesday 8th. Commenced Calm employed making sword mat at 4 PM. a light fair sprang up from NEward. set up Mizzen top mast back stay took down Mizzen to gallant back stay spliced them and put them up again set them up so on and so forth



Wednesday 9th of May 1860 Light air & Calm Hot sun employed drawing yarns putting rattines on the riggin Steering down S.W., nothing in sight time passes dull I wish we could see a sperm whale

Thursday 10th. Light air and Calm one ship in sight, employed tarring drawing rope yarns putting rattines on the riggin Capt & Mate employed working draw water bucket. we are busy at the present but for all that time passes very dull with me I don't know how it is with others, they are all writing letters to send home from Bermuda but me, I am going to wait until we get there and, if there are any there for me, if there is none for me there it's precious little writing home I am going to do

Friday 11th. Light wind from the S.E. ward a large Merchant ship in sight, we are steering NW by N. employed tarring putting rattines on the riggin, had some paulduff for dinner God sends Buns and the Devil sends Cooks — time passes awful dull

Saturday 12th. Pleasant this is our wash day but instead of washing the watch is employed tarring riggin for a change putting on rattines after dinner put up another top mast, studding sail boom shifted over the studding sails this day ends squally shifted the studding sails over again on the Starboard tack, steering NW by N Lat 20.43 N. Long 51.44 W two sails in sight at 4pm a fine breeze from the E. eastward settled



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. Fresh wind squally steering NW by N  
at daylight saw a sail wind variable from W. Center  
at 12 took in studding sails fairing a. to noon  
a fine rain from the S Eastward & ends this day  
Lat at 12 m. 22.00 N. AM watch taring down

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. Light wind from the S Eastward  
employed taring plattins on battens &c. a large  
ship in sight. AM employed scraping painting  
sheathing and oiling so on land so forth this day  
ends with light fair Lat at 12 M. 24.17 N  
Long 55.00 W

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Fresh wind from the South west  
at 4 AM shifted studding sails over employed  
scraping clew ears and painting them, scraped top  
mast and top gallant masts, blushing painting  
scraping taring Lat 25.47 N Long

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. Fresh wind from the S W. in  
the morning squally took in lower studding sail  
all hands employed breaking out fore peak for  
shocks at 12 o'clock finished PM. watch below  
the watch on deck employed scraping varnish  
and made new ring stoppers slushed down the  
S masts wind hauled ahead took in studding  
sails ends with light baffling wind Lat 28.07  
Long 58.47 W

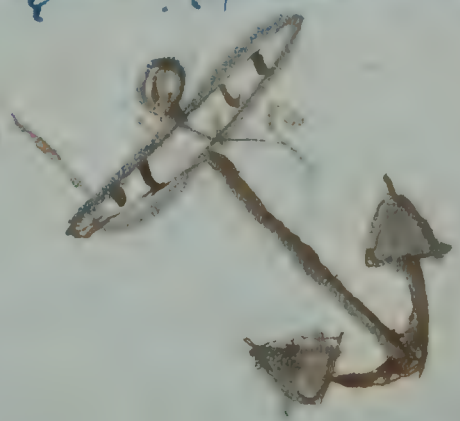
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. Light winds and variable  
saw a Bu. steering south ward all hands  
on deck employed scraping and washing ship  
at 9 AM took PM. plained the fore mast  
all hands washing and scraping and many other  
things too tedious to mention At 7 AM set studding  
sails at 8 took them in again close hauled on the  
Starboard tack steering NW half N Long 59.20 W  
Lat 29.05 N



Friday 18th. Commenced with a light breeze from the N.N.E. set studding sail at 3 A.M. The fore top mast studding sail boom got adrift and went over board boom is on and all took top gallant studding sail close hauled steering NW half W. employed screwing & pulling poles & pumps a cask a water a thermometer & for weather saw a merchant ship steering about N.W. N.W. took down the fore mast & fore mast at 4 we held on till off after dark. Went up fore royal yard Lat 29° 30' N. Long 60° 31' W.

Saturday 19th. Boring wind from the S.E. steering NW half N. watch employed catching rain water at 1 P.M. wind hauled round to westward took in studding sails & being on took top gallant sails & at 8 P.M. (not observed) at 5 P.M. doubled reefed fore top sail at 6 set main top gallant sail & flying jib at 10 took them in again at 11 hauled up main sail so ends

Sunday 20th. Boring squally strong wind from the W.S.W. at day break set main sail main top gallant sail flying jib and set top sail at 7 shook reefs out fore top sail N.E. raised the island of Bermuda at 11 took a plot at 12 Came to anchor 1 P.M. all hands employed washing ship. At dark came to anchor again I received two letters from home one from W.M. Penn the other from Mary Jane & Esther I believe I never store but that nothing.





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Monday 21st. of Nov at 7 in the morning Pilot  
Came on board Commenced to wait anchor at 7  
Came to anchor off St Georges. Washed the ship around  
out side in the afternoon. Painted around the starboard  
side furled the sails Mr D. Mr W. Sam and  
myself all went ashore and spent the evening  
but we did not get out till came off before  
nine o'clock

Tuesday 22nd. Pleasant weather at seven  
this morning the Starboard watch went on  
shore on liberty the Starboard watch employed  
hauling ship & setting up shooks. I heard  
some very nice music this morning from an  
English steamer that came from Hamilton

Wednesday 23rd. Pleasant weather <sup>Starboard</sup>  
watch on shore on liberty Starboard  
watch employed doing nothing much I guess

Thursday 24th. Queen of Englands birth day  
Starboard watch ashore Starboard watch employed  
cutting up old ship timbers Coiled, my  
line & C.

Friday 25th. Pleasant weather Starboard  
watch on liberty Starboard watch employed  
getting a lot of Casks & cast me to fill with water  
the Brig Robt of Philadelphia was sold  
at auction today we got one boat load of wood  
from her fore top mast and fore yard  
Mr Wick and me went to Hamilton rode  
in the mail coach had our amputees taken  
went to a fair had. We clean and lots of  
good stuff



Saturday 26th. Pleasant. Starboard watch on liberty. Starboard watch employed getting water aboard. got a fore top mast and fore yard belonging formerly to the Globe saved the main yard &c.

Sunday 27th. Starboard watch on liberty. I attend the Methodist Church in the forenoon. Came aboard in the afternoon. Commenced to blow

Monday 28th. Blowing fresh all hands aboard. I am under the weather to day, employed stowing down water put some copper on in the pump got some Coal on board and two Casks of water

Tuesday 29th. All hands on board employed getting wood on board and stowing it away. took the sails out the pen and put them in a Cask

Wednesday 30th. Starboard watch on liberty. Starboard watch employed variously

Thursday 31. Starboard watch ashore. starboard watch employed getting off onions potatoes Coal hove up starboard anchor after supper Capt took boat went outside aboard Brig Amelia of Mattapoisett 5 days out 65 sperm



1860

Friday June 1st Pleasant Big Amelia  
of Mattapovett and schooner Peter of Wal. fax  
Came in to anchor the schooner had lost  
her main mast - Starboard water ashore Larboard  
water employed getting Potatoes aboard picking them  
over got a barrel of Coal so on and so forth well hold

Saturday 2nd Pleasant weather Larboard water  
ashore the liberty starboard water cleaning ship to  
receive visitors so on and so forth

Sunday 3rd Pleasant all hands aboard except  
the first and second mates they have gone to  
Hamilton shipyard 5 new men got them on  
board 6 of our crew has taken French leave

Monday 4th. Caught one of the runaways at  
10 got under way and went to sea Capt went  
ashore again. Bark laying off and on outside  
at 6 PM spoke Bark Wm of Dartmouth

Tuesday 5th Fresh breeze from the Westward  
Capt came on board at 10 o'clock went ashore  
again at 1 PM Came aboard again at 3 Rpt off  
steering S. N. E. under double reefed top sails  
at 4 PM set huffed to the wind on the starboard  
tack close reefed fore top sail furled the fore sail.  
chose watches 1/2 C.

P.S. at 2 PM double reefed 1st top sails  
laying off and on



Wednesday 6th. Strong Wind from the  
 at daylight Ript off steering at A No.  
 luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack  
 at sun set close reefed the main top sail at 11  
 wore ship at 12 furled the fore top sail blowing  
 agale so ends

Thursday 7th. Blowing a gale from the South  
 Westward when shall I be myself again before  
 long I hope we have six new men forward. Wish  
 it would come good weather but wishing won't do  
 no good. we are running off now. Sailed NE ward  
 I hope we shall get some oil before this cruise is up.  
 at 9 PM luffed to the wind again on the Starboard  
 tack saw Black fish

Friday 8th. Rainy and very rugged at 11 A No  
 set fore top sail also with 1000. shall we have  
 good weather I am sick and tired of this kind of weather.  
 at 4 PM met hold washed off decks saw a sail at  
 sun set furled the foresail and luffed to the wind  
 on the Starboard tack so ends

Saturday 9th. Rainy and blowing a gale from the  
 S S West. reefed the spanker and set it and  
 furled the fore top sail at 4 PM wore ship rainy wind  
 from the S W heavy sea running

Sunday 10th. Moderate wind from the W S West  
 at daylight set fore top sail shook one reef out the  
 main Ript off steering Eastward at 12 M raised  
 a sail when shall we get a whale what the difference  
 between a sailor in sail and a blind man one can't  
 see to go the other can't go to sea at 3 PM spoke Bark  
 Solon of Am Bedford 20 days out 13 barrels of sperm gamed  
 until 9 o'clock I got 3 letters and 2 shipping lists and what  
 was I to get them



Monday June 11th. Thick hazy weather fresh breeze from the S.W. steering East. ~~The Solon was in sight~~ Can't see anything that looks like a sperm whale at sun set shortened sail and shifted to the wind at 12 more ship so ends the Solon was in sight this morning

Tuesday 12th. Fresh wind from the Westward we are now on the whale ground once more the question is where are the Whales saw a sail this morning have been all day on deck to day making a Booby for the old man at 12 o'clock more ship so ends

Wednesday 13th. Fresh wind from the Westward & South at sunrise made sail on the Starboard took heading Southward employed fore top sail brace Blocks and fore brace blocks breaking out after hold for Paint oil P.M. kept off steering Eastward shook reefs out the main top sail light breeze lashed the cutting pendants to the head of the main mast & on and so forth saw a sail this morning but Can't see anything that looks like a whale at sunset shortened sail

Thursday 14th. Calm at sunrise made all sail employed painting the Boats fittings brown iron and band on the end of the fore yard after 4 PM Capt. covered his boat for Black fish but did not set fast at sun set shortened sail

Friday 15th. Thick hazy rainy weather broke out fore hold for Blown & Spon. at sunrise made sail at 12 o'clock blowing a gale laying to under close reefed main top sail main sheeter and fore top mast stay sail afternoon more moderate set close reefed fore top sail & Spanker one sail in sight off lee saw at sunset shortened sail at 12 more ship so ends this day



June 1860  
 Saturday 16th. Fresh wind from the Eastward & day light  
 made sail at 7 A.M. more ship. This is moon day  
 I wish it was whale day after dinner tacked raised  
 a small white water hooked to be in place at sun set  
 shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading Eastward  
 at 11 close reefed. Main top sail weather looking bad & so  
 ends this day

Sunday 17th. Moderate gale from the Southward at  
 set close reefed fore top sail & fore sail plying at times  
 A.M. set Lib & sprinker I wonder for the weather is  
 at home now I should like to be there just to see all the  
 folkses - Thick hazy weather at sun set shortened  
 sail on the Starboard tack

Monday 18th. Thick hazy weather plying at times  
 after breakfast made all sail on the Starboard tack  
 heading Southward fresh wind from the W.S.W.  
 broke out for Coal fish Cooper employed making a  
 keg soon & so forth. P.M. breezing on at 2 double  
 reefed the top sails at sun set shortened sail on  
 the Starboard tack heading Southward 11 months  
 out to day met hold at 4 P.M.

Tuesday 19th. Following a gale from the W.S.W.  
 at 7 A.M. took the quarter Boat on the upper canvas  
 reefed the sprinker and set it P.M. Capt got his  
 pistol up shooting at a mark all the while in the  
 waist looking on ship side sea some from one man some  
 another Capt lost his Cape got wet through Mr. Wickes  
 fell down the sea took him full and by Mr. Albert stood  
 still and did not get wet some got wet through  
 and some didn't and so goes the times at 4 P.M.  
 set the fore sail moderating. Ends with light breeze  
 from the W.S.W. by day



1860  
Wednesday 20th of June Light air pleasant weather  
employed making good mast scot men & C  
at 12 raised a sail P M hauled a back at 4 took in  
light sails at sun set shortened sail on the  
Starboard tack at 12 wore ship

Thursday 21st Strong wind from the S Westward  
at day light made shift at 6 kept off steering NE.  
at 11 A M. huffed to the wind on the Starboard tack  
took in fore sail and fore top sail raising and blowing  
a gale from the Westward P M reefed the spanker and  
set it took in main spencer raising at 9 P M. wore  
around

Friday 22nd. Fresh wind from the S Westward  
at sun rise made sail kept off steering NE  
employed overhauling and fitting quarter Blocks to  
the fore topsail yard as on D C. Cant see a whale  
at 4 P M. Wrot hold and washed off at sun set  
shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading Southward

Saturday 23rd Thick hazy weather at day light  
made sail A M. cleared off some at sun set  
shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading Southward  
Cant see anything that looks like a Whale

Sunday 24th. Moderate breeze from the S Westward  
steering South East made sail at day light: I made  
the latitude at 12 M. 33.58 N - at 4 P M spoke  
Back Sun of Noctapoisett. 20 minutes out 550 sperm  
saw a ship steering Southward thick hazy weather  
at sun set shortened sail gamed until 7, 8 ends  
Calm

Monday 25th. Light air from the North Westward  
Back Sun in sight employed this morning steering S E  
ward saw Transjures at sun set shortened sail on  
the Starboard tack heading Eastward wind from  
the N N E ward, Wrot hold.



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June Calm thick hazy weather  
 Grandpurses Employed Knotting rope Yarns so on VC  
 at sun set double reefed the fore top sail & furlled the main  
 sail had some very good prizing in the evening

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. Commenced Calm Employed putting  
 a mat on the fore top sail Grandpurses. At 10 light 4 boats  
 sprang up from the S.W. wind after dinner covered the boats  
 for Black fish but came on board at 2 without success  
 at 4 raised spouts off weather beam Could not ascertain  
 what they were lost sight at 6 raised spouts to leeward  
 run for them but could not see them again shortened  
 sail at 9 luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack  
 took in Gib Spanker & hauled up fore sail so ends

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Fresh wind from the W.S.W. steering  
 E.N.E. Employed making shungram over hauling blocks  
 VC at sun set shortened sail steering E by N. hazy  
 weather

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. Light breeze from the Westward steering E by N  
 at day light kept her E.N.E. Employed variously in  
 sail duty at 4 P.M. not full but sun set shortened  
 sail steering E

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. Fresh breeze from the Westward  
 steering E by N. after dinner covered the boats for Black  
 fish but could not get near them enough to get  
 fast came on board at 2 P.M. saw more Black  
 fish at sun set furlled the main sail double reefed  
 fore top sail at 11 luffed to the wind hauled up  
 fore sail took in main top gallant sail main  
 yards aback on the Starboard tack



Sunday July 1st 1860 - Fresh winds from the Westward at 2 A.M. more came to on the starboard tack main yard aback at sun rise kept off steering E by N. set main top gallant sail P.M. hauled up fore sail and took in main top gallant sail saw white water at sun set shortened sail at 10 luffed to the wind on the starboard tack & hauled main yard aback so ends

Monday 2nd Fresh wind from the S.W. at day light set main sail Broke out fore hold for water and slops for the sailors at 7 kept off steering E by N. at 4 P.M. met hold at sun set & fueled the courses Lat 35-14 N Long 45-30 W

Tuesday 3rd Strong breeze from the S.W. steering E by N. at 6 kept off N.E. set fore sail employed overhauling Winches & pulleys painting iron work &c at sun set blowing a gale from the S.W. West took in all sail except close reefed main top sail fore top mast stay sail main spencers & spanker

Wednesday 4th of July - Blowing a gale from the Westward at sun rise set close reefed fore top sail at 7 set Gills at 9 took them in again more heading N.W. Westward raining at 12 set Gills fore top sail fore sail & hope the people at home are having a better day than we have and I hope they are enjoying themselves better than we poor unfortunate beings although Sam and me have had some Landlines and something else that goods but I can't help pitying those unfortunate chap at home today because no knowing they might get shot or Rilt in some other way, while we about here no danger of getting shot or getting into bat Company P.M. made more sail wind moderating down - steering S.W. wind veered around to the Northward at sun set shortened sail and luffed to the wind on the starboard tack at 11 P.M. more heading N.W. Westward so ends



Thursday 5th of July 1860. Light breeze from the North  
at day light made sail at 6 A.M. kept off steering  
south Employed breaking out after hold for poles  
a cask of Beef and one of Pork at sun set shortened  
sail and luffed to the wind on the Larboard tack  
reading N Westward. Can't see any vessels all we can do is to  
make sperm and scrub docks

Friday 6th. Fresh winds from the Westward at  
2 A.M. more heading S.E. at sun rise made sail  
at 6 more heading N Westward Employed making sperm  
jars & C. at sun set shortened sail - A.M. same  
sail steering Westward

Saturday 7th. Foggy heavy weather at day light made  
sail at 1 P.M. backed heading S Westward made more  
sail thick weather fresh breeze from the Westward  
at sun set shortened sail

Sunday 8th. Foggy fresh breeze from the N Westward  
Sam <sup>Green</sup> has <sup>been</sup> tricked out his milkers they remind me  
of the clown on a fair know what after day light cleared  
off at 10 A.M. kept off steering S.W. at 12 M. raised  
sperm Whales at 1 lowered the Boats at 2 Larboard  
Boat struck killed the whale and took him along  
side lost sight of the other two Boats at 6 P.M.  
raised the Boats came on board set quarter masts  
for the night got all ready to cut  
Latitude 36.00 North. Long 43.52 West

Monday 9th. Fresh wind from the N Eastward  
all hands Employed cutting in the whale finished  
cutting at 12 o'clock started the try works all hands  
busy cutting up blubber & C. at 2 P.M. more around  
with hold made sail at sun set shortened sail  
again at half past 7 set boiling mashes



Tuesday 10th of July Fine weather I don't know  
the wind is but much more I don't care for  
I feel dried and hotfull — all hands  
have been employed boiling and various other  
ways to numerous to mention I saw a sail off weather  
beam there I shant write any more in this days  
work for I'm off to the land of dreams for a spell  
but the most of it is I'm not to turn out in the  
course of 5 hours I pity those unhappy folks at  
home who wouldnt sell a farm to go whaling never  
mind trifles only get the sparring there End 1st

Wednesday 11th Pleasant weather almost a calm at  
3 A.M. worked down the try works put the 4th leave in the pots  
employed clearing up deck washing off of C at 7 made sail  
the whale turned up 55 barrels P.M. light breeze from  
the S.W. at 5 gamed with Bark George & Mary of  
Westport gamed until 10 o'clock so ends

Thursday 12th. Fresh breeze from S.W. on the Starboard  
tack heading S.E. Bark George & Mary in sight Employed  
variously P.M. tackes gamed with the S.W. Mary  
at 11 tooked again so ends

Friday 13th. Pleasant weather light breeze from the  
S.W. at 6 A.M. spoke Bark Union of Mattapoisett  
58 days out clean — employed breaking out four  
hold for Bread & C at 10 A.M. tackled several  
sails in sight at sun set shortened sail

Saturday 14th. Hot weather Calm at 12 M a light  
wind from the Eastward steering Northward saw one  
sail at sun set luffed to the wind on the Starboard  
tack hauled head yards aback



Sunday 15th. Pleasant weather last Sunday we took a 50 barrel whale I wish we could get another today who knows but what we shall before night get there time enough — at 3 spoke schooner Admiral Blake of Sippican 3 months out clean had a fine yarn at visit as people at home would say at 10 parted Company at 12 were around 2 ends

Monday 16th. Pleasant saw the Admiral Blake this morning watch employed Cooper's Oil & C making scrub broom teeth — all sail set steering by the wind heading S W — saw a Big Steamer to the N E. met the hold

Tuesday 17th Pleasant one year ago today where was I in the garden of Eden but such is life would I were a Boy again as the song says I'd not come a whaling for a living but I'd learn a trade get a nice little Wife and be as free as a Bird (in a cage) instead of plowing the Ocean but we shant know the difference a hundred years from now at sun sun set tracked Capt G and Mr A. Had some very friendly Conversation

Wednesday 18th. One year out today and taken 500 sperm Pleasant weather all sail set in the wind at 12 which picked up a Boat with the name on her Susan James — Jerry Le Conte the boat appeared to be a ships Long Boat at 1 P M tacked at 6 spoke schooner Emerald of Fair Haven 15 months out 300 sperm the Capt came alongside but did not come aboard at 9 wore ship several sails in sight

Thursday 19th. Pleasant weather several sails in sight. Employed variously making spun yarn filling the scuttle in the house — J C. at 5 P M spoke Boat Noe of Dartmouth gamed until 10 o'clock Mr D brought a Fiddle —



Friday 20th of July Pleasant weather almost  
calm employed making spun yarn & C. Met here  
saw one sail at sun set shortened sail on the  
Starboard tack heading E had a beautiful gallop  
in the evening

Saturday 21st Pleasant weather some of our <sup>10 men</sup> tars  
spit tobacco juice on the taffel last night and they  
are to show their science by washing her around inside  
at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack  
heading W at 12 hauled main top sail aback & ended

Sunday 22nd. Pleasant weather it would be  
a good deal pleasanter if we could only see a whale  
at sun set took in the jags and let her sweat at  
11 PM hauled main top sail aback

Monday 23rd Pleasant broke out fore hold  
for Sugar. Two water and shoaks steering NE.  
all our Carpenters are employed repairing the Boat  
that we picked up. at sun set saw spouts but  
did not have time to ascertain what they were  
shortened sail luffed to on the starboard  
tack Steward came on deck with his Fiddle  
and we danced and all that couldn't dance  
malted and we had little the greatest shaker  
dinner out

Tuesday 24th Pleasant employed repairing  
the Boat all hands turned Carpenters except the  
Cook. Cooper employed making beer Pig 25 on  
etc



Wednesday 25th Pleasant weather employed repairing the Boat Cooper making a beer keg so on &c. I mended up my old shoes this fore noon we are steering E. N. E. wind from the S. E. all sail set. at 1 P. M. lowered the Boats for Black fish but could not get any at 3 p.m. a cake of Beer was about 12 pounds after supper I went again for Black fish but could not get them then shortened sail and came back to mainmast.

Thursday 26th Pleasant a large ship in sight to windward - employed making sperm yarn repairing Boat &c. at 6 P. M. saw spouts did not have time to ascertain what they were shortened sail at sun set - steering N. E. had a fine time in the evening dancing &c. and several shakerdances &c.

Friday 27th Pleasant made sail at day light steering N. E. a small vessel was out to fight in the morning and the crew sent them to the mast head - and then continued making sperm yarn, at 4 P. M. set sail to the wind on the Starboard tack at 4 P. M. at sun set shortened sail and came to anchor - had a dance in the evening - at 12 noon passed around

Saturday 28th Pleasant one sail in sight at 4 P. M. tacked, this is our wash day at 12 P. M. another sail nothing was remarkable transmitted these

Latitude at 12 M. 40.02 N. at sun set shortened

Sunday 29th Pleasant weather all sail set on the Starboard tack heading Westward at 10 A. M. lowered the Boat for Black fish but could not get any at 1 P. M. came in land again at 1 P. M. a schooner passed to windward near to the N. E. saw two more sails steering Eastward in the evening danced with Bart. Edwards and some others at 12 noon were around 40 miles



Monday 1st July Pleasant weather at day  
light made sail one of the fore top mast stays parted  
Employed making sennet & C at 6 P.M.  
spoke Bark Lappho of New Bedford 3 months  
out clean gamed until 8

Tuesday 31st Pleasant Bark Lappho in sight  
Employed variously broke out fore hold for water  
P.M. equally weather saw two sails steering Eastward  
one a Bark with fore top gallant mast gone at  
4 P.M. tacked at 5 tacked athwart 5 tacked again  
shortened sail at sun set at 12 wore round so ends

Wednesday August 1st 1860 Strong wind from  
the S.E. at 10 left off steering to the North spoke  
Bark Lappho watch employed making Sennet & C.  
at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack  
heading Eastward

Thursday 2nd Fresh wind from the S.E. at day  
light made sail one of the fore top mast stays parted  
Employed stitching it several sails in sight —  
saw white water run for it proved to be sperm whales  
at 10 A.M. spoke Bark Sarah of Mattaboisett —  
left off steering Northward at sun set shortened  
sail and wore around at 12 wore again so ends

Friday 3rd Light baffling wind steering Northward  
Employed breaking out after hold for Beef & Pork  
tobacco & C finished breaking out at 11 A.M.  
P.M. making a pudder for the Boat wet hold & C  
at 5 covered the Boats for Black fish but could not  
get fast came on board at sunset shortened sail  
on the Starboard tack heading S.E.



58  
Saturday 4th. Light wind from the South at day.  
Light saw two sails, steering North at 2 P.M. spoke  
Bark Kingfisher of New Bedford 2 months out, 1700  
at 4 spoke Bark Liverpool of Dartmouth 22 months out  
120 sperm Bark Rothschild of Orleans run down so we  
had a regular game the R is six months out 400 sperm  
50 sperm at run down we all shortened sail so on  
WC game until 9 o'clock P.M.

Sunday 5th. Brisk wind from the Southward the  
Kingfisher and two other sails in sight on the starboard  
tack heading S.E. ward Lat at 12 M. 41.12 North  
at sun set tacked and shortened sail on the  
Starboard tack heading W by S

Monday 6th. Strong wind from the Southward  
at day light saw two sails one of them the Kingfisher  
at 4 P.M. met hold tacked at sun set and  
shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading W by S  
at 11 furled fore sail so ends

Tuesday 7th. Fresh gale from the S.S.E. puffy  
weather, under close reefed top sails and fore sail  
heads West. the Bark Kingfisher Astern saw two  
other sails. at 4 P.M. the Kingfisher passed us to windward  
about about 40 yards off at sun set shortened sail to  
a close reefed main top sail reefed spanker fore top mast  
stay sail & main spencers blowing a gale and raining.

Wednesday 8th. Commences blowing a gale from the S.S.W. West  
and raining at 4 A.M. wore ship wind veered to the Westward  
at 12 most moderate heavy swell. raining at times under close  
reefed top sails and fore sail P.M. moderate at sun  
set furled fore top sail and fore sail



On board Bark John Damon of

Thursday 9th of August Moderate breeze from the N. employed breaking out fore hold for main sail and flying jib at 12 bent the main sail - on the Starboard tack heading westward, at sun set shortened sail at 10 furled the main sail at 11 tacked

Friday 10th. Strong breeze from the NNE. at 3 AM more heading East at 7 raised a sail at 7 tacked, PM saw another sail at sun set shortened sail and tacked

Saturday 11th. Fresh breezes at 10 A. M. spoke Bark Loric Bird of New Bedford 4 months out 230 sperm gained until 6 PM. I received a letter from Fannie but it's a mighty short one but it's better than none for I should feel disappointed if I got none at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading East

Sunday 12th. Light winds from the NNE. on the Starboard tack heading Eastward at day light raining at 8 A. M. cleared off pleasant several sails in sight at 6 PM spoke Bark Lava of New Bedford gained until 7 PM. the Lava is clear 6 weeks out

Monday 13th. Light winds from the E steering Westward the Lava in sight. A. M. unbent main topsail and bent another in its place unbent fore top sail and bent the old main top sail in place of that at 11 raised another sail - after dinner Capt C thought the Lava saw whales so we got our Boats all ready but the Lava saw nothing but Killers we launched our yawl boat and took three loads of wood on board from the Lava at 5 spoke Bark Coriolanus of Nyeitic one month out 30 sperm gained until 10 o'clock PM.



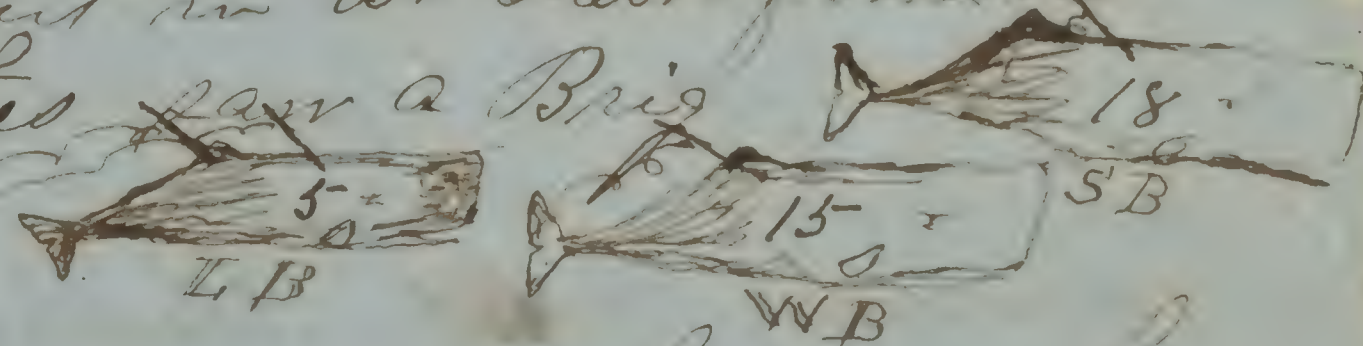
New Bedford Cruising on the Western ground

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather made sail at daylight  
 Landed our large again went aboard the Corblaine  
 and got a load of wood Came on board more round  
 heaving NW light air from the NNE. P.M. fresh  
 winds saw Lampuses at sun down shortened sail  
 at 9 P.M. close reefed main top sail and fueled fore  
 top sail equally weather

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. Light winds from the E. N. E. wind  
 steering by the wind on the Starboard tack Employed  
 repairing fore top sail saw White water and Lampuses  
 but no whales at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard  
 tack heading NE wind

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. Light air employed mending  
 fore top sail all sail set saw two sails one to Leeward  
 Employed repairing fore top sail and fibb at sun set  
 shortened sail

Friday 17. Commenced with strong winds  
 rained squally & rainy at 9 A.M. raised stern  
 whales but 10 lowered the Boat waist Boat struck  
 a whale starboard Boat struck another Starboard  
 Boat struck another at 2 P.M. took the whales along  
 side and commenced to cut in at dark finished  
 cutting set boiling watches saw a Brig  
 Latitude  $47^{\circ} 37' N$ . Long  $37^{\circ} 06' W$



Saturday 18. Fresh breezes started the try works  
 exchanged Colors with a large American Whiffper saw  
 another sail all hands on deck Employed various  
 cutting up blubber breaking out fore hold for Cakes  
 & Colling & C. at 4 P.M. more around heading West  
 Wind from the S.W.



On board the ship John Dawson of  
1860

Sunday 19th August Commenced blowing a gale  
rain at times. Could not boil or cook down the works  
at 11 AM started the works again at 4 PM  
more around.

Monday 20th. Blowing a gale finished boiling  
at 10 AM washed off decks wet hold &c  
at 1 PM set shortened sail on the Starboard tack  
heading W by N.

Tuesday 21st. Strong Wind. All hands employed  
in boiling down below at 2 PM. Sun & breeze made  
all sail but did not see it again at sun set  
shortened sail one sail in sight. Now the question  
is when shall we get another whale before many  
days I hope.

Wednesday 22nd. Fresh breeze from the Eastward  
all sail set on the Starboard tack employed repairing  
starboard boat which was stove by the last whale  
I wish we could see the ship Sophia Thornton but  
I would rather see a whale at 2 PM. spoke Schooner  
S. S. Learned of Sagharbon. 9 months out 200 bbls of Whale  
and 60 sperm. Lined until 10 PM. at sun set shortened  
sail, ran thin backs, runmises and Tilters but no  
sperm whales.

Thursday 23rd. Pleasant weather at sun rise made  
sail at 6 tacked. Employed variously put up new  
fore and main royal & shrouds at 2 PM tacked  
saw a Bermouthedite (Bry) so on and so forth



# New Bedford Cruising on the Western ground

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of Aug. Fresh breezes from the North  
saw several sails employed making sperm gain. At  
4 12 M. saw White Water 5 miles off ship for it but saw  
it no more. Steamer is sick at sun set shortened  
sail

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Light air and Calm and occasionally  
a squall of rain it is most 1/2 clock A.M. it is (my fore-  
noon watch below and I've had a good passage - but guess  
I must commence a letter to Mary Jane, or Fannie as  
she calls herself. Mr. Wicks is down here dressing stencils  
blister. Steamer is about the same. There is a ship in sight  
a-boiling - at 5 P.M. gained with Bark Tropic Bird  
boiling out a 50. blb sperm whale - at sun down  
shortened sail at 10 furlled fore top sail fore sail Gibb  
of spanker this day ends rainy & squally. Steamer

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Strong winds from the S.P.W.  
steering by the wind under double reefed top sails  
at 6 A.M. wore around at 9 tacked. I should  
like to be in New Bedford today to enjoy the  
Sabbath, but I shall have to see again main  
Sundays yet aboard the old John Dawson before  
I can be at home. But the question is when  
shall we see a Sperm Whale - Steamer is a little  
better to day - saw two sails at 4 P.M. tried to  
Tack but old John did not feel inclined to tack  
so Capt. C. let her go at 5 tried to tack again and  
succeeded at sun set shortened sail at 8 wore  
around gain

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>. Commences with a fresh gale from  
the West



On board Bark John Cameron of

Tuesday 28th. August Blowing a gale from the West at 9 A.M. Norton raised sperm Whales lowered two boats lost run of the Whales Came aboard at 12.M. at 2 raised the Whales again at 3 lowered two Boats Wait Boat struck Starboard Boat struck the same Whale Mr Albert killed the whale with a bomb lance Capt lowered his boat Came down shot another bomb lance into the whale then Mr A and Capt C hauled up and churned the whale with their lances the whale roiled fin out and sunk but one boat could keep him from sinking after 5 hours of hard labor got the whale alongside sea running mountains high furled sails put the cable on the whale for a fluke chain set boats crew watches for the night. I had a severe fall from one of the boats over board and as good luck would have it did not break any bones but I did not know anything for some time after I was picked up

Latitude 42.28. North. Long 37.30 West

WB.

Wednesday 29th. Moderate Wind from the East Ward at day light Called all hands and commenced to cut in the whale. heavy swell running at 12 got head off and Body in P.M. cut in the head. Baled the Case & stored down 30 lbs of sperm oil in the ground tier in the fore hold at 10 set the watches started the try works cutting up blubber &c

Thursday 30 Fine Weather several sails in sight all hands employed Cutting up blubber boiling &c finished boiling the head at sun set. set the watches at half past 5 P.M. at sun set kept off steering S.W. by W



New Bedford Cruising on the Western ground

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of August Fresh Wind from the S E  
Employed boiling PM finished boiling Wet hold so on  
and so forth

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Pleasant weather at day light  
Commenced to break out the fore hold to stow down  
oil at 6 A.M. lowered the Boats for sperm Whales  
the Whales were going quick Chased them until  
4 PM got aboard the ship tired and hungry pulled  
about 60 miles got within 3 days of the Whales  
at sun set tacked at 11 tacked again

Latitude 42.27 N Long 37.26 W

41.25 N 37.12 W

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Pleasant weather We are all rather  
tired after our excursion yesterday saw White water  
Called it Porpoises I wish some one would  
raise a sperm whale

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Pleasant weather two sails in sight  
all hands employed stowing oil down the fore hold  
all sail set steering by the Wind finished stowing  
at sun set broke out some rope for our  
Sailgore took a pair of shoes 1/6 at 6 P.M.  
tacked

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Fresh Wind from the South all hands  
Employed stowing down Oil at 11 A.M. spoke  
Bark Tropic Bird boiling out a whale. Mate  
sick. Bored into Fayal at 2 P.M. finished  
stowing was hea off W.C. at sun set shortened  
sail This day ends with strong Winds steering  
W S W

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Strong Wind and equally at  
12 o'clock M. blowing a gale laying to in blees Close reefed  
main top sail eddy at times these 24 hours ends  
blowing a gale from the NE by E

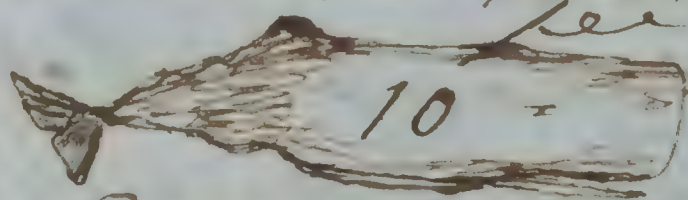


Thursday September 6th. Blowing a gale  
from the E & E. Laying to under Close reefed  
Main top sail at 7 A.M. set Gills and spanker  
Wind moderated a little set Fore top sail double  
reefed at 7 P.M. shook one reef out the Main top sail  
at sun set saw a large school of Sperm Whales  
did not have time to lower the whales were going  
about S.W. furled Fore top sail and Gills  
hauled Main yard aback



Friday 7th Fresh Wind and rugged ambient  
fore top sail and bent another in its place  
at 6 A.M. Frank Potter rose sperm Whales  
lowered two Boats Starboard Boat struck  
a whale shot another with a bomb lance  
and killed her the Whales brought to but no  
boats there when the boats got there they were  
too late the whales left the one that Mr. A. shot  
sunk at 9 A.M. took the whale alongside and  
commenced to cut finished cutting at 12 o'clock  
braced forward all sail set started the try-  
works

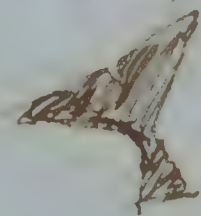
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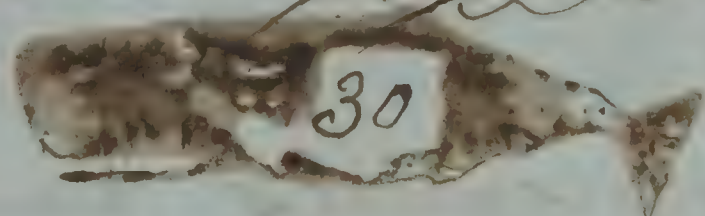
Saturday 8th. Light winds at 7 A.M. rose  
sperm whales finished boiling lowered the boats  
but did not see a whale after the boats were  
lowered at 7 P.M. Came on board without  
success made all sail stood on the Starboard  
took heading S.W. at sun set shortened sail  
light air and Calms



Sunday 9th. Light air and Calms made  
sail at day light one sail in sight after dinner  
lowered a boat and went aboard the American Merchant  
Ship Mary of the West. from Liverpool bound to New York  
we sent letters at sun set shortened sail steering N.E. by N.



Monday 10<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather at 8 o'clock Asst John Bull rose sperm whales covered all three Boats chased the whales until 4 P.M. When the Starboard Boat struck Starboard Boat struck the same whale killed the whale with a Bomb lance at 5 took the whale alongside and got every thing ready to cut set Boats crew watches for the night



S.B. Lat 42.40 North  
Long 37.58 West

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Buggy weather at day light Commenced to cut in the Whale at 12 o'clock finished cutting P.M. baled the Case cut up Junk &c at 4 P.M. commenced to boil at sun set blowing a gale at 11 Cooled down the Works paing could not boil - Capt put Mr Albert off duty

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Buggy weather strong Wind from the Westward at 3 A.M. Commenced to boil again at 5 wore ship set fore sail all hands employed boiling &c Cooper setting up shooks at 3 P.M. set fore topsail double reefed at 4 kept off steering W by South

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Calm and light air at 1 finished boiling made sail at day light - all hands employed clearing up and washing off at 10 A.M. finished sent the Veratol below - Capt Cornell is unwell at 4 P.M. took the fat lean out the pots so on &c Mr D on duty again

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Light Wind overcast atmosphere all sail set on the Starboard tack heading Westward employed repairing fore sail at 4 P.M. finished it and bent it - I saw several schools of Porpoises but no Whales Capt let our Daylows have some Soap and Tobacco out the Slop Chest



# Cruising on the Western Ground

1860

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Fresh Wind from the S.W. steering by the wind on the Larboard tack employed repairing Main top gallant sail - overcast atmosphere Cloudy at 2 P.M. finished the sail and bent it. Stacked ship steering S.E. strong breezes from the W.S.W.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. Commences raining and strong Wind steering S.E. at 7 A.M. raised sperm Whales lowered two Boats at 10 o'clock. The Whales were going to windward at 12 o'clock Capt lowered his Boat Larboard Boat got within 6 fathoms of a whale twice, but Black fish galled the whale before the Boat got there they were very large Whales Came on board at 5 P.M. without success. hard luck have luck. This day ends With light Winds  
Lat 41.05 N 37 00 W

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. Light airs at 3 A.M. tacked Employed setting up Main top gallant backstays Reel backstays &c at 5 the sea lowered a Boat for a piece of Bees Wax turned out to be a piece of Duff this day ends With light baffling Winds

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Light baffling Winds employed breaking out after hold for Beef Pork Water broke out a slop Cask two Hams 12 mackerel No 4 the Hams and mackerel are expressly for the Cabin to good for boat steers to eat it might be the Cause of our death to fast us to night at 1 P.M. finished breaking out. This day ends Calm



# North Atlantic Ocean

Wednesday 19th. Commences with light breeze from the Westward steering S.W. at 7 P.M. at NW. this day ends with Calm

Thursday 20th. Cloudy light air and Calm saw nothing but Porpoise I have been to work all day making a Box for Capt Cornell. Cooper had a sore foot at 9 P.M. breeze sprang up steering S.E. these 24 hours ends with strong Wind

Friday 21st Strong Wind and equally steering S.E. employed variously. I have been to work on the Capt. Box at 4 P.M. Wet Hold and Washed off decks double reefed (Main top sail close reefed fore top sail reefed) furling Jib blowing a fresh gale old Tom is a walking Wind from the E.N.E.

Saturday 22nd. This day has been composed of fresh Winds strong Wind light Wind and Calm put up preventer fore top gallant back stays and various other things too numerous to mention

Sunday 23rd Light baffling Wind saw one sail braced round the yards several times. I Wish I could be at home today if I were I would go to Church but out here on the boundless ocean were deprived of all such pleasures but I hope the day will come when I can go and come as I please here we are penned up in an old ship day after day month after month and year after year



## Bound to Fajal Western Islands

Monday 24th of September Light Airs and Calm  
employed variously painting & Boat making Anchor  
Brought West hold *W.C.*

Tuesday 25th. Light Wind from the Westward  
steering S.E. at 7 A.M. raised Flores and Corvo  
two of the Western Islands — Employed Coopering Oil  
ready to send home saw four Sails P.M. raising  
saw more sails bent Main royal and set it

Wednesday 26th. Light Wind and rainy rain two  
Sails Employed repairing top masts and planking  
them, painting Boat & C. steering S.E. at dark  
spoke Boat Cathleen of New Bedford &  
Smiths out 150 Spent galled until 10 P.M.  
at 11 raised Pico and Fajal

Thursday 27th Light winds and Calm  
Close in shore off Fajal at 7 Capt and  
one boats crew went ashore, the rest on  
board employed filling Casks with oil to send  
ashore *W.C.* at 12 M got in to the town a  
Lighter came off sent 80 barrells ashore  
at sun set Capt came on board  
laying off and on so ends

Friday 28th. Light Winds at 7 A.M.  
Came to anchor Commenced to break out  
oil to send home sent barrells ashore  
the Portuguese moved the ship at dark  
stopped work, Bark Ocean of Sandwich Bk  
Civilian of Provincetown Ship Lydia of Fairhaven  
and several Barges and Schooners laying here



At Fagal one of the Western Islands  
 Saturday 29th. Pleasant Weather employed breaking Oil  
 and sending <sup>it</sup> ashore the Ship Scaffolding and Bark  
 Mary & Susan laying off and on finished work at  
 5 P.M.

Sunday 30th. Starboard Watch ashore on Liberty  
 Larboard Watch on board busy doing nothing

Monday Oct 1st 1860 Larboard Watch on shore  
 Starboard Watch employed getting Potatoes on board  
 setting up shooks &c The Larboard watch  
 had a glorious good time

Tuesday 2nd Larboard Watch ashore The  
 other watch employed getting Cole on board  
 setting up shooks &c

Wednesday 3rd Larboard Watch ashore the  
 other watch employed variously The Larboard  
 Watch had a fine time ashore at least I did  
 for one Came on board at dark sang some  
 songs and had some egg and nog

Thursday 4th Larboard watch ashore  
 Larboard watch employed variously sent  
 9 Casks ashore to be filled with water  
 broke out fore hold and stowed it again  
 wet hold &c

Friday 5th Larboard Watch ashore having a good  
 time Starboard watch aboard doing nothing  
 but drinking Egg and Nog



# St. Fajal & Western Islands

Saturday 6th of Oct Pleasant weather  
Employed getting water aboard and stowing it  
down / Washed the ship inside and out &  
7 men ashore some in the Caliboose and some  
saw they wont come aboard

Sunday 7th At 7<sup>AM</sup> one watch went ashore  
Came aboard again at 4 PM. the other Watch  
went ashore some staid all night and  
some came aboard I went to the Circus

Monday 8th. I wish we were a thousand  
miles away from land with a large  
Sperm Whale alongside or rather all cut  
it for I dont feel much like working  
to day. I guess we are going to sea I hope so  
at any rate for if we stay here much longer  
we shall all have the horrors

Tuesday 9th. At 9 AM got under weigh  
took the Anchors on to bars so on and so forth.  
tacked several times the islands of St George  
Graciosa Pico and Fajal in sight  
Wilton Wood. & Wm Robinson are on the  
sick list

Wednesday 10th. St George Graciosa Terceira  
in sight Wind variable saw a steamer bound  
in to Terceira. Home home sweet home there  
no place like home



# Bound for Cape Verde Islands

Thursday 11th. Fresh breeze the pilot of  
St Michael in sight put down one of the main top  
gallant sheets fore near main top sail braces took  
the old ones for main top gallant sheets Cooper  
employed sitting up shooks. so on and so forth.  
at sun set breezing on and equally

Friday 12th. Strong Wind and equally from the  
Eastward employed variously Cooper sitting up shooks  
so on and so forth

Saturday 13th. Light Wind from the Eastward  
Capt is making a padder for his Boat at 5  
P.M. spoke Bark Ocean of Sandwich one year  
out 530 sperm gained until 9 o'clock

Sunday 14th. Light variable wind steering S. S. W.  
nothing in sight and nothing to write about  
at sun set set main royal

Monday 15th. Fresh wind from the NNE steering  
S. S. W. A.M. broke out fore hold for water  
and studding sails bent top mast and lower  
studding sails and set them P.M. bent  
two main top gallant studding sails and set them  
Cooper employed sitting up shooks at sun set  
set main royal Capt has nearly finished his  
Boats padder

Tuesday 16th. Wind from the NNE steering  
S. S. W. Employed variously in ship's duty  
Can't see anything that looks like a Whale



In the North Atlantic Ocean

Wednesday 17th. Oct 1860. Light wind and variable but 10 A.M. took in top gallant and lower studding sails saw a Fin Back the first one we have seen for a long time Employed making pudders for the Boats. set up fore top gallant and shrouds so on and so forth at sun set Capt lowered his boat to try his pucker it worked well Came aboard and set lower and top gallant studding sails When shall we see a Whale.

Thursday 18th. Light variable winds rain & trices Employed making pudders Cooper repairing Casks &c. at sun set set main royal

Friday 19th. Fresh wind from the S.W. steering by the wind on the Barboard tack Employed making pudders mat &c. Cooper repairing Baskets P.M. Wind hauled to the S.E. Wet hold at sun set set main royal

Sat 20th Pleasant weather but no whales in sight

Sunday 21st Pleasant at day light raised the island of Sal one of the Cape Verde islands at 12 raised Bonavesta saw a Bark steering Westward saw Black Fish but nothing in sight. What looks like a whale



# Bound for Cape Verde Islands.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Light winds and foggy at 20 O'clock  
raised the island of St. Jago at sun set shortened  
sail and luffed to the wind lay ing off an on at  
11 P.M. joined with Bark K. E. Fisher



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 A.M. Came to anchor at Port Paga  
furled sails took two rafts of Casks ashore to be  
filled with water 20 Casks in the first raft and  
14 in the other — I was here 9 years ago the place  
has altered very much indeed sent two Casks of  
Bread and 12 bags of flour ashore two hams & one Cheese

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Took 25 Casks of water aboard send  
ashore to be filled stored 3 Casks in the after  
hold and 6 in the bloomer room got some Oranges  
and Potatoes aboard one man deserted yesterday  
named Wavy Claton

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. Strong wind got 15 Casks of water  
aboard in the fore noon got 8 turkeys and Pigs  
at 3 P.M. Ship Taharaboo of New Bedford came  
to anchor. we got under weigh set all sail top  
mast and top gallant studding sails main sail  
steering South

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Fresh wind from the N.E. steering  
South killed one turkey expressly for the Cabin  
stored down the Cables so as to C steering  
South by West so made this day

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Light winds hot sultry weather  
took in lower studding sail at 10 A.M. steering  
by the wind swayed up the sails so on and so forth.  
Our Oranges are rotting fast these 24 hours ends  
with a Calm



# In the North Atlantic Ocean

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of Oct Light variable winds  
employed bracing yards & raising up sails setting  
and stacking in studding sails steering S by West  
at 1/2 P.M. lowered our Boats for Blackfish  
but could not get near them

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. steering S by W employed pecking  
and Chattering Anchors Capt making a tool chest  
for his own tools - so on and so forth one sail  
in sight off lee beam. saw a Bird to windward -  
this day ended with Saldrems

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>. A day light saw two sails off  
weather quarter, had Eggs and Ham for breakfast  
in the Cabin salt Plunk and hard bread in the  
steerage Capt sold 12 bags of flour in Port Praya  
and now he is stowing us to make it up  
saw several more sails so on and so forth I wish  
we could get some oil for I want to come home

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>. Light variable winds attended  
with temporary showers of rain broke out fore hold  
for Flour Corn & Coffee. Capt still at work on  
his tool chest several sails in sight &c

Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>. 1860. Nine years ago today  
I started on my first voyage A. Whaling Where shall  
I be Nine years from this Who can tell. We are steering  
by the wind what little there is. I hope we shall get  
across the equator before long there is several sails in  
sight but no Whales when shall we hear the joy full  
noise of their blows at 4 P.M. Wet hold after  
puffer saw fin backs



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# Bound for River Plate

Friday November 2nd / 860 Fresh breezes and squalls  
Employed breaking out after hold for Beef & Hops  
two Wild Ducks lowered a Boat and picked them  
up - steering full and by. Capt still at work on his  
tool Chest

Saturday 3rd. Fresh breezes from the S. E. & S. steering  
by the Wind on the Starboard tack heading S. W. by S. &  
one sail in sight Wet hold at 4 P.M.

Sunday 4th. Fresh Wind from the S. Eastward  
steering full and by saw 4 Black fish and 4 sails  
Duff and soft tack for dinner passed the equator  
some time this forenoon We are now in South Latitude  
Long about 28 West. A large Merchant ship in sight  
to windward steering the same as we are

Monday 5th. Fresh breezes a ship in sight off  
Weather beam. Watch employed variously in ship's  
duty wet hold at 4 P.M.

Tuesday 6th Fresh breezes saw a sail off weather  
quarter employed repairing hose & C. steering by the  
Wind heading to the S. W. set up weather Vane &  
gallant back stay

Wednesday 7th Strong breezes from the S. Eastward  
steering by the Wind & employed fitting new Main  
sheets repairing hose & C.



## In the South Atlantic

Thursday 8th. November Fresh breezes steering by the wind employed breaking out fore hold for at Main top gallant sail making sword nut repairing hose &c. at 4 P.M. unbent main top gallant sail bent a new one in its place Wet hold saw Fin Backs off weather beam

Friday 9th. Fresh breezes steering S half West at 4 A.M. set fore top mast studding sail wind from the Eastward at sun rise set main top gallant studding sail. employed repairing main top gallant sail putting battens on the main shrouds fitting new main royal lifts and ~~st~~ ropes at 4 o'clock unbent fore top gallant sail bent the old main in its place sent down lee main top gallant studding sail boom sent it up foreward and set fore top gallant studding sail. at 12 set lower studding sail so ends this day. Lat at 12 M. 9.53 South.

Saturday 10th. Fresh breezes from the N.E. ward steering S.W. lower top mast and top gallant studding sails out saw four sails wet hold at 4 P.M. Capt still at work on his tool chest

Sunday 11th. Light breeze from the N.E. steering S.W. by S. I have been reading a very good Book Called the Way to prosper. saw some sail astern

Monday 12th. Rain strong breezes from the E.S.E. steering S.W. employed making and taking in sail in the fore noon saw Fin backs and hump backs taking eyes out to lee ward Capt took the clock to piece and could not get it together again and he is in a bad fix. at 5 P.M. saw gampuses Wet hold &c on D.C.



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# Bound for River Plate

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Light airs and Calm. Cook and  
set the up. Gibb goes putting rattines on the lower shrouds  
putting main brail fast fore. Capt. still at work on  
the clock. steering S by E. saw several sails

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Fresh breezes from the North. Steaming  
P.M. by S.W. employed repairing Gibb at 9 A.M. sent the 4<sup>th</sup>  
putting rattines on the fore rigging & lashing it after dinner put  
off South set studding sails saw one sail. Wind veered  
to the S.W. saw Grampuses

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>. Strong Wind from the South West  
squally overcast at times. saw a sail at day light  
off the beam. steering by the Wind heading S by E.  
Wet hold at 4 o'clock

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Light baffling Winds at 1 A.M. one  
pound fat 2 more again. Wat. 7<sup>th</sup> tucked at 11. spoke with  
Lephors of Boston, during the fore noon got back to line  
and went round. Employed variously. I have been  
repairing Hoghouse and the house, making new  
main track on old ones, repairing Cutting, Claps & C  
P.M. saw another sail

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. Light baffling winds and Calm  
employees making and taking in sail set studding  
sails steering South West. Wet hold at 4 P.M.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. Strong breezes from the N.E. steering  
S.W. saw a Bark heading to the Eastward on the wind  
at 12 M. steered S.W. half W.



# Bound to the River Plate

1860

Monday 19th. of November. Thick hazy weather  
sailing but times at 1 PM began to take the sail  
blowing strong from the N.W.E and wind increasing  
steering S.W. at 5 PM under double reefed  
top sails sailing all the time sent top gallant  
studding sail ~~down~~ <sup>up</sup> took the Boats on  
the upper Canvas broke out for Oil to burn & C.  
at 12 were around wind more moderate but heavy  
swell running

Tuesday 20th. Strong wind from the South, steering  
by the wind jugged seal running employed  
variously in ships duty at 3 AM. Last main  
top gallant sail out at 1 took in main top gallant  
sail again PM set it again Wet hold at 4 PM.  
set fore top mast studding sail steering S.W

Wednesday 21st Overcast Cloudy weather  
light variable winds, steering S.W.

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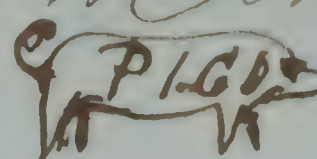


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Thursday 22nd Fresh breezes and jugged at  
5 AM. George & Anaka raided sperm Whales got  
breakfast and covered the Boats Harbour Boat struck  
a Cape Whale the Whale struck the Boat 3 times and  
Knocked us gally West the first thing I knew  
I found myself under water but I spit two iron  
in his back before he struck the Boat the Boat  
came up bottom side up and we all got on to the Boat  
and if I ever thought of home I thought of it today  
Capt. Came up to us and took Mr. Albert in the  
Boat - Mr. A killed the Whale we staid on the Boat  
about ~~around~~ the water was awful Cold at length  
Mr. Dunthorn came up and took us off the Boat and  
glad was I. I swallowed about a gallon of salt water  
after 1 hour of hard labor we got the stolen Boat  
aboard and the whale along side commenced to  
cut in got the jaw in at dark secured the whale, set  
Boats crew watches for the night Took in sail



Cruising for sperm Whales off Riverdale

Friday 23rd Bright winds and pleasant weather  
Called all hands at daylight and commenced  
to cut at 1 PM, at the whale all cut in piles  
the Case, spoke 1 Ship Mary Wilkes of New Bedford  
3 months out 30 species. Commenced to boil  
Killed old Betsy  H08

Saturday 24th Light winds all hands busy  
boiling Cutting up blubber & C. saw one tail

Sunday 25th Fresh winds steering  
all hands busy boiling Cutting up blubber  
steering to the Southward at 7 PM double  
reefed the topsails and luffed to the wind  
on the Starboard tack at 7 were found took in  
fore topsail strong wind raged and squally

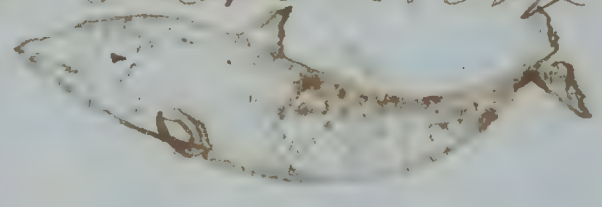
Monday 26th Strong Wind from the North  
at 8 A.M. Cooled down the works at 10 left  
off steering WS'W. rainy. drew the teeth out of  
the yam washed off. Cleared up decks & C.  
PM light baffling winds heavy swell at sun  
set set flying jib. yast topsail and main sail  
steering by the wind

Tuesday 27th Light wind at 3 were arrived at  
7 were again with variable took in Starboard  
Boat to repair a sail in sight of land. made  
sail finished repairing the Boat and put her out  
again. Cooker employed Cooking Oil at 11 PM  
under double reefed main top sail squally thunder  
and lightning no ends



## Cruising off River Plate

Wednesday 28th of November. Called all hands at day light and commenced to break out to stow down oil at sun set finished stowed 83 barrels. ran three sails. Killed two Turkeys so on and so forth

Thursday 29th. Strong breezes at day light. made sail kept off steering to the S.W. employed repairing Starboard Boat which was stove by the last whale. Had roast Turkey for dinner. In the Cabin W. Steerage after dinner Capt lowered his Boat went aboard Bark J. B. Johnson of Transport bound to Montevideo. Wind died away to almost Calm at sun set shortened sail luffed to on the Starboard tack with head yards aback Caught a Porpoise 

Friday 30th. Fresh Wind from the N.E. at sun rise made sail steering Westward. at 12 M luffed to on the Starboard tack, employed repairing Boat at sun set shortened sail. Wet hold

Saturday December 1st Light airs and Calm at sun rise lowered the Boats for Black fish Caught two. made sail so on and so forth

W.B.



S.B.

Employed minding Blubber repairing Boat and so forth steering Southward at sun set shortened sail steering S.W. at 12 furled fore sail furl and spanker luffed to the wind heading E



# Cruising for Sperm Whales off River Plate

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1860 Fresh breezes made sail steering S E at 12 M. luffed up steering NE. at sun set shortened sail luffed to the Wind on the port tack heading Westward Wind from the S W

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pleasant weather light Winds. Employed repairing Boat and working Beach. Fresh blubber repairing fore top gallant lifts. I have been making a new Spade-bone at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack at 11 were around.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. Strong Winds from the Northward at 3 were round. Employed repairing sprinker two blubber hunters in sight to Windward one of them remaining for us at 1 PM spoke Bark Atlantic of New Bedford at 6 spoke and gained with Ship Won 8 Barrels of Freshwater 7 months out 160 sperm I am got a better Whisker got one but none for me

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Strong breezes at 3 4 M were at sun rise ran two sails I bent the fore sail to repair it. one year ago to day we got a good whale if we could only get one to day. P M Cloudy at 5 bent the fore sail at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading Southward rainy and squally

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Moderate Wind from the S E made sail at sunrise employed variously in ship's duty ran a sail after dinner & took up the top sails and set main top gallant sail light and calm



## Cruising off River Plate

Friday 7th of December 1860 Commences with  
Calm at sun rise ran three sails all hauled  
Employed breaking out fore hold for pipes of  
Coal & broke out after hold and stowed the Coal  
under the Cabin in bulk at 5 PM gained with  
Ship Wm V Henry

Saturday 8th. Commences with a dead Calm  
at 3 AM a light breeze sprang up from the  
South West at sun rise ran three sails  
Wore around & broke out after hold for Beans  
Cooker employed repairing Casks at 4 wore ship  
Ship Wm V Henry off to leeward - wet hold at  
sun set took in light sails at 7 kept off steering  
South hauled up Courses

Sunday 9th. Fresh Wind Ship Wm V Henry  
in sight - steering South at day light set light  
sails. P.M. at 2 raised Grampuses at first  
Called them sperm Whales began to rain furlled  
the main sail wore around & double reefed fore  
top sail close reefed main furlled fore sail and  
fore top sail and Gibb raining all the time wore  
again steering South that hour & to pity those unhappy  
poor men at home who have a snag little house  
to go into when it rains and blows and especially  
to stay for this is Sunday and to night is Courting  
night. No one knows what the poor Sailors  
have to go through but those that have experienced  
one or more Whale voyages - I expect I've got to go  
to sea as long as I live and it's enough to give one the  
narrow Cooper says that so and Sam says he has'nt  
anything to say about it



# Off River Plate Cruising for Whales

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December Strong Wind from the S West  
steering by the Wind on the Starboard tack made  
sail at day light under double reefed top sails  
at 10 A.M. fukled the main sail. Watch employed  
various in shifts duty, scraping and washing inside  
the bulwark We expect to see the Bark Sunbeam Capt  
Cromwell - Not hold at 4 P.M. fukled fore sail at sun set  
and wore ship

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Commences with fresh winds from  
the S.W. at day light made sail on the Starboard  
tack heading S.E. wore one sail in sight of weather  
beam. Employed washing and painting. Wind  
moderating at 12. light dire at 1 P.M. tacked at sun  
set fresh breeze

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from the N.N.E.  
steering S. Employed getting up bobstons and like  
repairing the Carts & styes. The Crew asked the Capt  
for more to eat the other day he gave them 2 pounds  
of meat more a day and told the Cook not to boil  
it so much he thought they would not eat so much  
if it was half cooked - at 12 luffed to the Wind  
a Brig in sight steering to the S.W. strong  
breezes but half past 12 wore round at 4 P.M. double  
reefed the main top sail at sun set fukled fore  
sail and top sail Gibb & Spanker. Breeze a  
moderate gale

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Strong Winds from the N.W.  
made sail at day light wore ship at 6 A.M. sign a  
ship steering about S.W. painted white with T.B. in  
her fore top sail at 5 P.M. set flying Gibb and gaff  
top sail steering by the Wind heading East Wind from  
the N.N.E.



## Quising off River Plate.

Friday 14th of December Fresh Wind from the NNE at 4 AM made sail, employed repairing top-sail and studding sail and a royal at 12 M tacked at 4 PM. put the old Harbour Boat out on her Cranes again took the other one in Wet hold at sun set double reefed the top sails on the starboard tack heading N & E. Caught a Porpoise

Saturday 15th. Heavy swell wind variable some times light and sometimes fresh. Saw fin backs at daylight made sail saw white water off lee beam run off for it. Caught a Porpoise. PM saw more fin Backs - steering to the Northward at sun set shortened sail luffed to on the port tack heading NW Wind increasing

Sunday 16th. Blowing a gale from the S West at sun set the fore sail at 7 left off steering Northward furled the fore sail at 12 luffed to the Wind on the port tack PM close reefed the main top sail at sun set more moderate

Monday 17th. Commences with strong Winds from the S.W. made sail at daylight at 5 left off steering North. employed working in ships duty Wet hold at 4 PM. at sun set luffed to the Wind on the port tack hauled fore sail out at 9 were heading N & E.

Tuesday 18th. Pleasant weather made all sail in the morning steering to the Wind on the Starboard tack saw Fin Backs at 8 tacked at 9 wore back again. employed repairing Main Spencer. Looked out Blubber room for Coal and Water. at 5 PM saw Grampuses at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading to the NW



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Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. At 1 AM were heading Eastward at sun rise made all sail. Light air. Took a Boat down from the beards to wash ready to Paint. fitting some Carvass mats to put on Main yard in the wake of the main star & at sun set shortened sail heading North on the starboard tack

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. Fresh breezes steering by the Wind on the starboard tack - Employed Mr. [unclear] put a new strap on foretop sail got Black Point E.C. at sun set shortened sail on the starboard tack heading to the N.N.W

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Light Air and Calm drying line. Rain nearly all day. at P.M. got hold of D. [unclear] off decks double reefed foretop sail and took in light sails - Would I were a Boy again I'd lead a different life I'd save my money and buy me a farm take some little calls on my wife - they that follow the sea lead a miserable life

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Light air and Calm ran one sail. Mr. Wick is making a pair of shoes for the Capt the rest of us have been washing our clothes at 5 P.M. spoke and dined with Bark Sea Breeze of New Bedford 64. When the net 600 barrels of sperm oil came home I sent a letter

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Light Air and Calm one sail in sight made sail at sun rise after breakfast Clewed up light sails and Clewed down the top sails. a dead Calm. P.M. ran another sail at sun set shortened sail on the Port tack heading to the N.E. fresh breezes so ends.



## Cruising off River Plate

Monday 24th December 1860 Cloudy and squally after breakfast began to make sail at 12 Had all sail set saw white water off lee beam run for it, saw Grampuses. at 4 PM let hold at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading westward

Tuesday 25th. Christmas day and a beautiful day it is it would be a better one if we could only see a sperm whale at 10 A.M. Commenced to blow squally and being employed making and taking in sail. Had Robert Turkey for dinner. I happened to go on deck at dinner time for something while I was gone Sam Howland stole my share of Turkey. and all I had for my dinner was a little piece of Plum Duff - Mr Duntlin stole Mr Wikes share so poor Asaph had to go without his Turkey - if Sam Howland ever steals any more of my grub I will just write and tell Polly Potter of it. My appetite has been very poor lately and Sam has had all my share of Pie and Ginger bread he could not be satisfied with that but must steal my share of Turkey it wasn't the Turkey I cared about for I don't suppose I could eat any if I had tried. but the looks of the thing I would have given him my share had he asked me for it and saved him the trouble of stealing it from me " " " at sun set put the old John Dawson under close reefed main top sail fore topmast stay sail and main spruce hove to on the Starboard tack heading South. Hauling a living snapper from the W.P.W. saw two seals



Off River Plate Cruising for Sperm Whales.

Wednesday 26 of December 1860 It is blowing a heavy gale of Wind from the W. S. W. we are laying to under close reefed main top sail on the Starboard tack heading to the South. - Sam. Bowland says he should like to have some more sweet Spikes I don't want any more for I Can't bear it I think it is detestable! - at sun set Wind began to moderate.

Thursday 27th. Light Wind from the S. W. made sail at sun rise; heavy swell. at 5 o'clock off steering S. P. E., and local repairing Main top sail brace Blocks & C. at sun set shortened sail luffed to the wind on the Starboard tack at 12 o'clock fore top sail wore around blowing a Gale from the N. E. W.

Friday 28th. Fresh Gale from the Westward at sun rise set fore sail at 7 o'clock. wore set fore and Spanker, employed variously in at Spade at sun set more moderate at 6 o'clock reefed out main top sail set main top gallant sail ~~luffed~~ steering S. P. E.


Saturday 29th. Light breeze steering S. P. E. had raw salt junk for breakfast think we won't eat so much when it is raw. I like to see a man economical but I despise a mean man. if such things can be called Cheap. P. M. steering to the South West Wind from the N. E. W.

Sunday 30th. Light breeze from the N. E. W. steering South West. Sam has been telling me how this fall sacked him last voyage how it came very near breaking his heart. - I wish some one would raise a Sperm Whale after dinner luffed to the Wind on the Starboard tack.



## Cruising off River Plate

Sunday 31st of December 1860

Full breezes from the Northward at sunrise  
went fore to sail to repair it. steering to the  
Westward at 4 PM finished the sail and bent  
it wet hold and washed off at sun set  
shortened sail luffed to the wind on the  
starboard tack heading to the North  
Saw and me tracked Ambrosia yesterday  
he gave me Emma Bonney and I gave him  
Mary Jane's — Killed a Pig for tomorrow  
is New years day  and two sails

Tuesday January 1st 1861

New Years day Employed variously in  
ships duty. It is a fresh gale from  
the East - on the Starboard tack under  
double reefed main top sail fore sail  
jib and spanker - fitted new main  
top gallant lifts. Had pig for dinner  
saw <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~ sails and some crampuses  
but Can't see anything that looks like  
a sperm whale at sun set close reefed  
the main top sail and pulled the fore sail  
luffed to the wind of the Starboard tack  
heading N.E.

Wednesday 2nd. Blowing a gale from  
the Eastward at sunrise set fore sail  
Employed variously in ships duty saw a  
Merchant ship steering to the Eastward  
at sun set wore around rainy weather

Thursday 3rd. Strong Wind from the N.E.  
at 6 A.M. wore around made sail at 9 changed  
Longitude with a French ship squally and  
rainy. P.M. saw another sail at sun set shortened  
sail and wore heading S.E. one of the flying jib  
masts parted



Bark John Danson of New Bedford.

Friday 4th. of January 1861

Commenced with light air and calm cloudy  
drizzle, at 7 A.M. made sail. made flying jib  
guy out of old main top gallant backstay fitted  
them and set them. Up broke out for water  
at 3 P.M. Came on squally and a rain began  
to take in sail wet hold at 4 o'clock. At sun  
set had her under close reefed main top sail  
blowing a gale from the S.E. began to on the  
starboard tack at 7 a ship passed close to us

Saturday 5th. Blowing a gale from the S.E.  
at sun rise set the fore sail at 6 set jib &  
Spanker. ran a sail of lee beam at 12 M ran  
another sail of weather beam. P.M. ran more  
sails at 5 P.M. spoke Bark Sun Beam. Capt  
Hill bound. 2 months out 150 sherr no letters  
for us and sailed for River Plate quite encor-  
aging I've made up my mind to answer all  
the letters I get after this

Sunday 6th. Strong Wind from the S.E.  
at sun rise made sail on the starboard  
tack the S Beam and another Bark in sight  
to windward at 1 P.M. shook one reef out  
the main top sail at 3 Capt Cromwell of the  
Sun Beam came on board. Mr Albert went  
aboard the S Beam. at sun set shortened  
sail Capt Cromwell is going to stay here all  
night



Cruising off River Plate. On board  
Monday 7th. of January Strong breeze  
from the S.E. steering by the wind on the  
Starboard tack. The Sun Beam and  
another Bark in sight. Capt Cromwell  
aboard of us. Watch employed variously  
in the duty. at 6 P.M. spoke Bark Wave  
of New Bedford shortened sail and wore  
round. Capt Cromwell is going to stay all  
night again. He tells some queer remarks about  
the Ladies around New Bedford especially  
the married ones.

Tuesday 8th. Strong Wind at 8 A.M. Mr  
Albert came on board. Capt Cornell and  
Cromwell went aboard the Sun Beam. The  
Wave in sight came aboard again went on  
board Bark Wave and obtained our letters  
but there were none for me. made sail  
on the Port tack heading to the Southward  
at sun set tacked and shortened sail

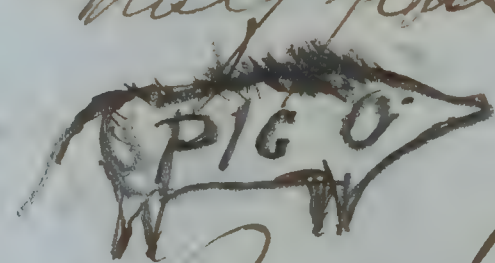
Wednesday 9th. Blowing a gale raining at  
12 M. Had her under close reefed main  
top sail raining all the time all hands wet  
as drowned Rats. at sun set more  
moderate

Thursday 10th. Commences with a gale  
from the South at 1 A.M. wore at 7 set  
fore sail. wore at 6.

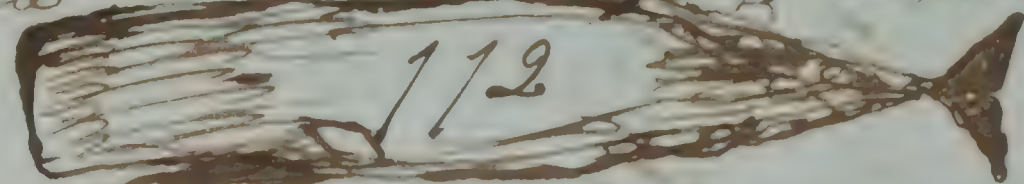


Bark John Dawson of New Bedford

Friday 11th. Moderate breezes. At sun rise  
 Joe Manaka raised sperm whales at 6 lowered  
 the Boats for a whale going to windward at  
 8 saw whales from the ship going to leeward  
 Capt lowered his boat at 9 he struck a large  
 whale killed the whale and took him  
 alongside commenced to cut. Cut the  
 head off and and hauled the body in at  
 half past 11 set the watches



Lat 32.15 S SB



Killed a Pig Long 49.20 W

Saturday 12th. Pleasant weather Called all  
 hands at daylight and commenced to  
 get the head in at 12 finished bailing the  
 case afternoon cutting up blubber started  
 the try works at 7 set the watches for the night

Sunday 13th. Pleasant weather all hands  
 employed boiling several merchant ships  
 in sight. made sail spoke Bark  
 of Lewis Port. at 7 set watches

Monday 14th. Pleasant all hands employed  
 boiling at dusk finished bailing the  
 blubber put the fat lard on fire

Tuesday 15th. Pleasant all sail set saw  
 several merchant vessels employed variously  
 cooping oil clearing up decks &c

Wednesday 16th. Pleasant employed  
 cooping oil ready to stow down several  
 sails in sight all hands on deck in the after  
 noon stowing down oil at sun set spoke  
 Bark Wave of New Bedford 6 months out  
 30 barrels of sperm. at 8 set Boats crew  
 watches for the night



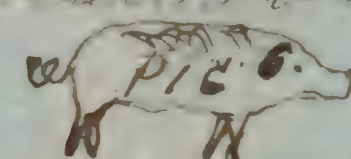
On board Bark John Dawson

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Thursday 17th. of January Called all hands  
at daylight and commenced to stow.  
Laid out saw 3 sails at 4 PM finished  
stowing washed off VC, at sun set furled  
the fore sail stowed down 112 barrels of  
sperm oil

Friday 18th. We are eighteen months out  
to do 800 barrels of sperm oil all hands  
on deck scrubbing bulwarks &c. at 1 PM  
finished washing let the watch go below.  
poised a sail (kept off before the wind  
at sun set luffed to the wind on the  
Port tack heading S E Strong winds

Saturday 19th. Strong Wind from the E & E.  
under double reefed topsails at 11 A.M.  
saw 3 whales Called them Sperm Whales  
got the lines in the Boats but did not see  
them again at sun set shortened sail on  
the Port tack heading E & E

Sunday 20th. Fresh breezes from the N E  
made sail at sun rise saw 2 sail PM. strong  
breezes took in light sails at sun set  
shortened sail & tacked heading to the NW  
at 12 noon under close reefed main top sail  
dark and squally rainy and lightning wore  
heading E & E

Monday 21st. Cloudy Moderate breezes at  
2 A.M. saw 2 Whale of some kind close to the ship  
at sun rise saw nothing. made sail steered  
various Courses to the Southward. at 12 noon steering  
N E made all sail employe drilling holes through  
the windlass at 4 PM wet hold at sun  
set shortened sail and luffed to the wind on the  
starboard tack heading E & E blowing strong  
 killed a Pig



# Cruising off River Plate for Sperm Whales

Tuesday 22nd of January Strong Winds from the South at 3 AM. Would a run raise made sail kept off steering NW. they have got so now they don't give me soft tack only NOW and THEN salt junk and hard bread is cheaper so the Capt thinks especially when the junk is half cooked we don't eat so much then

Wednesday 23rd. Light Winds and Calm at day light called all hands and commenced to break out the after hold made sail. salt junk and hard bread for breakfast at 12 o'clock finished breaking out at 4-6 PM Sam Howland raised a large Sperm Whale put the ship under close reefed main top sail the whale appeared to be going to leeward

Thursday 24th. Light winds made sail at day light at 5. kept off steering different courses to the South and West but saw no whale. Capt gave Bob a new straw hat for nothing the hat cost 12 Cents did not charge him any thing for it Bob stayed up his watch below trying to raise a whale and Capt thought he would make him a present to encourage him - at sun set shortened sail light air steering N.E. by N.

Friday 25th. Light winds hazy weather all sail set steering by the wind on the Starboard tack employed variously in ship's duty Capt is building him a work bench up side of the Cabin gang way so he can repair them



On board Bark John Dawson

Saturday 26th of January 1861 Pleasant weather  
at 9 A.M. Sam Howland raised a large school  
of sperm whales lowered the Boats all 10 the  
Whales laid heads and points Could not get  
a chance to get fast at 3 P.M.  
Capts Boat struck a whale  
Mr Albert Killea S.B. the whale  
at 5 took the whale alongside put a harpoon through  
through his head got cutting tackle up & c  
set Boats crew watches



Lat 32.15 S Long 47.15 W

Sunday 27th. Pleasant weather Called all  
hands at day light and commenced to cut  
in at half past 11 got the whale all cut in  
afternoon Called the Case and started try  
works cut up the junk at 8 P.M. set the  
watches

Monday 28th. Pleasant weather all hands  
employed boiling cutting up blubber. Calm  
two sails in sight saw Sprampuses at  
6 P.M. set the watches found the head of a two  
faced man in the whales blubber

Tuesday 29th. Fresh breezes at 10 A.M. Cooled  
down the works and washed off the decks.  
old man Betsey has got some little Kittens  
in afternoon Capt lowered a Boat and went on  
board Brig Annie Louie of Glasgow from  
Montevideo bound to Barbadoes saw two  
other sails at sea set shortened sail on  
the starboard tack heading to the N.W.E



# Cruising off River Plate

Wednesday 30th Pleasant weather light winds made sail at sun rise employed Cropping Oil steering different courses to the at sun set shortened sail, ran several sails

Thursday 31st Fresh breezes from the NE wore ship several times Called all hands at sun rise and commenced to stow down oil at 5-PM finished work stowed 75-bbls, ran several sails, ran ~~gunpowder~~

Friday February 1st 1861  
~~NE under double reefed~~ Strong wind from the NE under double reefed top sails at sun set put her under close reefed main top sail, rainy wore at 12 p.m. ends

Saturday 2nd Commences raining at 9 AM cleared off made sail. we had all hands yesterday forenoon to wash the ship I forgot to mention it at 12 wore around light winds & ends this day

Sunday 3rd Light air and calm Spampuse around the ship Capt shot one

Monday 4th Light winds from the E employed breaking out the after hold at 2 PM finished ran lots of Spampuses bet hold, gained with Barb. Ware of N.B. she has taken a 75-bbl whale since we ran her last at sun set took in light sails



# On board the Whaling Bark

Tuesday February 5th. 1861

Strong breezes from the E at 4 A.M. tacked at 7 tacked again ran trawls, the Wave in sight at 12 tacked again employed overhauling cutting blocks Cooper repairing Casks. Capt scrimshawing some she broke this took bench and heaved awfully.

Wednesday 6th. Strong breezes gamed with Bark Atlantic of New Bedford 9 months out 175 sperm. we got 3 bundles of iron hoops from her. several sails in sight tacked several times at sun set shortened sail on the starboard tack heading North at 12 bore around so ends.

Thursday 7th. Fresh wind from the N.E. overcast weather employed variously repairing. Rose gave a new batch tacklings put up new fore top gallant foot ropes at sun set shortened sail.

Friday 8th. Strong wind from the E.S.E. Capt says Steward don't give them any Mackerel in the steerage only when I tell you to. I don't sir. That's right. Capt is still at work on his fancy box Mr. Wick is making one to Mrs. Duntin is mending the American ~~flag~~ <sup>ensign</sup> Mr. Albert is making a bone cane Sam Howland is making a box I am making one to it slid off my chest this afternoon and smashed it but I can glue it together again old John rove like fury a fellow can't scrimshaw very well it's enough to make a minister savor, at sun set shortened sail.



John Dawson of New Bedford 1861

Saturday 9th

It still is puffed and strong winds we were around this morning this is wash day those that are not washed are scumming one of the Corymora came aft to the Capt for more to eat at sun set shortened sail exchanged colors with a Brazilian Bark at 17 closed reefed the Main top sail

Sunday 10th

Strong winds and puffed Capt saw a few small crumblers of bread on the head of a cask this morning and he yelled out the one that made a stable cloth out of this cask must come and clean it off - some one stole a small piece of salt jump out of the gally last night I don't blame him for stealing Chuck when a fellow is hungry, at 7 AM wore, had turkey for dinner in the Cabin we had saw salt horse and Duff in the steerage when the Devil comes for a natural blutton I know who he will take first, this day ends paining

Monday 11th. Fine pleasant weather light airs made sail at sun rise saw Champuses. Watch employed drawing and Knotting rope yarns Mr Dunthorn still at work on the incant Mr Albert and Wicks making a line cover Capt is scrimphorning Cooper making bags to keep his provisions in



On board Bark Jno Dawson

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February

Pleasant weather  
got the slop Coak out this morning Godfrey is  
selling the sailors some clothes as he calls  
them I should call them rags I wish we  
could see some whales and get them for  
I long for this voyage to be at an end saw  
Grampuses. at sun set shortened sail wind  
died away ends with a Calm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant employed variously  
in ships duties fitted a new Ck F. sail runner  
broke out fore hold for Sugar Water & Clay  
light breezes saw Grampuses. saw two seals  
at sun set shortened sail at 11 were around  
so ends

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Strong breezes from the E  
steering to the South. at 9 A.M. picked  
up a Cask of Oil 158 gallons  
saw Grampuses at sun set shortened sail  
at 12 were around

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Strong wind from the NE  
saw several sails & water employed drawing  
and knotting rope yards wet hold at 4 P.M.  
at sun set shortened sail heading to the E  
we are in green water



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Off Beaver Plate Cruising for sperm whales

Saturday 16th

Rainy blowing strong and Wind increasing at 4 PM blowing a gale bore to under Close reefed main top sail bore new main spencer brails secured things about decks so on & C ends with a gale from the S E by S we are in green water

Sunday 17th. Strong winds heavy sea running made sail at sun rise at 9 AM struck the into Blue water. in the Evening spoke and gamex with ship George & Susan of New Bedford.

Monday 18th. Strong winds. Ship George & Susan in sight and several merchant ships met hold at 4 PM spoke the S & S. gamex saw Grampuses

Tuesday 19th. Strong winds ship George & Susan in sight saw Grampuses so on and so forth at 12 were so good this day

Wednesday 20th. Strong wind from the NNE at 6 AM. were heading Eastward. on the Port track at sun set put her under Close reefed Main top sail weather looking bad ends with a gale from the NNE

Thursday 21st. Commences with a heavy gale and rainy at 9 AM. Moderated made sail steering S E by E. heavy Cross sea on nothing in sight



On board Bark John Danson

Friday 22nd of February 1861  
Commences pleasant at sun rise made  
sail watch employed making spun yarn  
wet hold this day ends with light air

Saturday 23rd. Commences with light  
air wind increasing at day light under  
double reefed top sails blowing strong furled  
the courses at 8 furled fore top stail at  
11 laying to under close reefed main top  
sail P.M. blowing a heavy gale from the  
S.W. employed securing things about the  
decks ends blowing strong

Sunday 24th. Commences with strong  
wind from the S.W. at sun rise ran a  
Bark under close reefed top sails —  
moderate made sail kept off steering  
N.E. Sam is down here looking at his mother's  
miniature says he wishes he was at home  
but I tell him home is a fool to this place  
Sam says he should like to see his little  
one. As for myself I have no little one to see  
by the way I almost forgot to mention that there  
is salt all over the rigging and Chock up to the  
royal trucks where the spray blew yesterday  
at sun set shortened sail ends with  
light baffling air.

Monday 25th. Pleasant light baffling  
air employed humbuging in various branches  
Calking the try works &c. at 4 P.M.  
wet the hold at sun set furled the light  
sails ends with a light breeze from the N.E.



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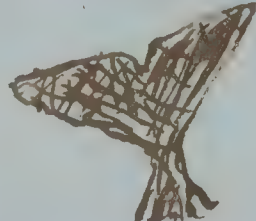
Striking a Sperm Whale off River Plate. I.B. Bk. Tom Dawson.



On board Bark John Dawson

Tuesday 26th of February

Commenced with fresh breezes from the N.E. by E. steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. Capt lost his Patent and handle yesterday one that he has had this last 13 years the patent was got out 40 years before he had it says he can't credit that it has gone over board thinks some one has walked off with the pack of it at sun set shortened sail

Wednesday 27th. Pleasant light breezes from the E. & E. at 9 A.M. raised sperm whale buoys at 10 saw sprouts lowered the boats the whales were going quick to the S.E. Could not get near them at sun set came on board without success made all sail at 11 tacked so ends wind light. 

Thursday 28th. Pleasant at 3 A.M. tacked at 7 tacked again broke out for water saw lots of Grampuses. but no sperm whales I feel a little sore and stiff to day after having such a long pull yesterday, rode new main royal braces, shortened sail at sun set

Friday 1st of March 1861  
Commenced with fresh breezes from the E. & E. tacked several times saw Grampuses so on and so forth I'm so tired of writing the same things over and over, I wish we could get a whale. Time passes awful dull



# Cruising off River Plate for Sperm Whales

Saturday 2nd of March 1861

Commences with strong wind from the N.E. under double reefed topsails and courses ran spanwises. I wish the voyage was up for I'm tired and sick of it. I want to go home and start over again. we have 3 kind of Pies the Capt Pies are made of Rum sugar and Rice. the Officers Pies of dried apples Molasses and meat. the stowage Pies of dried apples and molasses if I had a Dog that would eat them I would shoot him. all the soft tack that comes down here is sour as swill and the salt horse is half cocked so one can see how pleasantly the time must pass with us, it may be for life time but it won't be forever.

Sunday 3rd. Light breezes Capt Cornell aboard the ship George & Susan of New Bedford. garning at dark finished garning let the G & S. have a coil of 4 inch thump rope. Capt C got a fancy writing desk and a few other articles. shortened sail. lightning thick so ends

Monday 4th. Commences pleasant at sunrise went on board the George & Susan got 7 Casks got aboard at 8 A.M. raised sperm. Whales lowered boats from both ships mated. the Larboard Boat of the G & S. struck the waist Boat of the same ship struck another our waist Boat struck another Killed the Whales alongside of the George & Susan and commenced to cut our Capt and mate and one Boats crew aboard there helping them at 3 P.M. Capt C took one whale alongside of us and cut it in. then Capt C went aboard the G & S. gave him his own line & C at dark commenced to boil double reefed the top sails the G & S started for home

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On board Bark John Dawson

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1861  
Commenced with strong winds and  
rugged in the afternoon had a watch below  
finished boiling at 4 P.M. wet hold and  
washed off fuelled the fore sail and wore  
around

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. Blowing a gale from the  
S.E. at 3 A.M. Close reefed the No 1 S.  
after daylight took the fat lean Oil out the  
pots and cleaned them out

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. Strong wind from the South  
broke out for water upon and so forth  
at sun set shortened sail on the starboard  
tack heading East

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. Employed repairing the  
Main stay. steering to the Eastward  
at 4 P.M. finished the stay set it up put  
a piece of rope around the main mast head  
to fish up one of the shrouds wet hold  
at sun set shortened sail

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. Light airs made sail at  
sun rise exchanged colors with a Brazilian  
Cruiser. saw Grampuses.



Cruising off River Plate for sperm Whales

Sunday 10th of March Commences pleasant  
moderate wind from the S.W. at sun rise made  
sail at 6 1/2. In afternoon strong breezes  
saw Grampuses at sun set shortened  
sail. one sail in sight. Sam and I  
have been talking about the Falls but I guess  
we shall have to see many a day before we can  
see them. Had Turkey for dinner in the Cabin  
salt Horse in the stateroom

## The Whalers' Song.

There she blows There she blows  
Like an isle on Ocean's breast  
Where away West south West  
Where the billows meet the skies  
Port the helm Trim the sails  
Let us Chase this mighty whale  
There she blows There she blows  
Mean the Boats for nothing stay  
Such a prize we must not lose  
Lay to your Oars Away away

Give away Careful steer  
Launch the Harpoon laughs at fear  
Launch the harpoon laugh at fear  
Plunge it deep the barbed spear.  
Strike the lance in swift career.  
Give her line Give her line  
Down she goes thro the foaming brine  
Sprung the side where the flying Coil  
Keels the monsters speed a ha hoit  
But though she dive to the deepest ground  
Where the lead line fails to sound  
Where the Coral gardens hide  
Tis all in vain All in vain  
She hath that within her side  
That will bring her up again.

turn over



Shout Shout Shout  
The waves are hurling all about  
Every billow on its head  
Strangely wears a cinct of red.  
See her lash the foaming main  
In her flurries and her pain  
Take good heed my hearts of oak  
Lest her flukes as she flies  
Swiftly hurl you to the skies,  
But though her giant strength is broke  
Slow she turns as a mass of lead  
The mighty Mountain whale is dead

Row Row Row.  
In our vessel she must go  
Changed into a liquid stream  
O'er the broad Pacific's swell  
Round Cape Horn where tempests dwell  
Many a night and many a day  
Home with us she must stay  
Till we joyfully hail once more  
Old New Bedford's welcome shore  
And when the fair whom we please  
Sit by the fire-side at her ease  
Let her remember if she will  
The hardy tar who on the seas afar  
Risk'd his life her lamp to fill











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Bark John Dawson of New Bedford.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Blowing a gale from S.W.  
at 9 A.M. set fore<sup>top</sup> sail double reefed  
Kept off steering N.W. saw fenders and  
a large piece of squid at 4 P.M. wet hold  
and washed off such is life on board of a  
Spouter. Life without a job it seems hard  
to be cooped up in an old ship for 3 or 4  
years away from home and friends no  
society no one to speak kind words to us  
no one but a Sailor knows what a Sailors  
life is. I wish that I could be a Boy again  
and know as much as I do now as the song  
is I'd lead a different life I'd save my money  
and buy me a farm take Dinah for my  
Wife. At sun set luffed to under close reefed  
top sails at 12 wore so ends this day

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Commences with fresh breezes  
from the S.E. made sail at sun rise  
Kept off steering to the Westward saw two sails  
at sun set put her under close reefed main  
top sail

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Strong Winds from the E.S.E.  
at 2 A.M. a Bark passed across our bows  
heading to the S.E. at sun rise made sail  
steered different Courses to the Westward  
at sun set shortened sail on the Port tack

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. 20 Months out to day for Bbls  
of sperm Oil. Strong winds from the N.E.  
under double reefed top sails. I'm tired of  
River Plate I wish we would leave it and  
go to the North. employed variously. Washed  
the Bullwarks around inside of C.



# The Ship is ready

Fore the well the ship is ready  
And the breeze is fresh and steady  
Boards are fast the anchor weighing  
Tigh in the air the streamer's flying  
Heard the sails the waves are swelling  
Roughly pound thy buoyant dwelling  
Fore the well and when at sea  
Think of those who sigh for thee  
Fore the well and when at sea  
Think of those who sigh for thee

When from the land and home receding  
And from hearts that ache to bleeding  
Think of those blind who love thee  
While the sun is bright above thee  
Then as down the ocean glancing  
With the waves his rays are dancing  
Think how long the night will be  
To the eyes that weep for thee

When the lonely night-watch keeping  
All below thee still and sleeping  
As the needle points the quarter of  
Over the wide and trackless water  
Let thy vigils ever find the  
Mindful of the friends behind thee  
Let thy bosom's magnet be  
Turned to those who wake for thee

When the slow and gentle motion  
Rocks the bosom of the ocean  
While in peace thy bark is riding  
And the silver moon is gliding  
O'er the sky with tranquil splendour  
Where the shining hosts attend her  
Let the brightest visions be  
Country home and friends to thee



When the tempest hovers o'er thee  
 Danger. Wreck and death before thee  
 While the sword of fire is gleaming  
 Wild the winds the torrent streaming  
 Then ~~despious~~ suppliant bending  
 Let thy thoughts to heaven ascending  
 Reach the mercy seat to be  
 Met by prayers that rise for thee

J. W. White



On board Bark John Dawson

Tuesday 19th of March 1861  
Commenced with strong winds from  
the South heading Eastward. In the  
Port tack heavy weather: under double  
reefed top sails and Courses employed  
variously in ships duty. Had a Roast  
Pig for dinner in the Cabin and we smelt  
of it in the Steerage. its Hog eat Hog.

Wednesday 20th. Cloudy overcast atmosphere  
light airs and variable. overhauled the Wheel  
Blocks & C., its hard times aboard this  
Boat in the fore-castle last night Cook went  
forward to feed the hog he had some small  
pieces of soft bread among the crew one of  
the men took the pieces of soft bread and  
ate them a man must be hungry to do that  
its to bad they Cant have enough to eat for  
there is plenty of it in the ship I suppose  
he wants to sell it when he gets in Port the  
same as he has done — At sun set, shorten  
sail so ends)

Thursday 21st. Blowing a fresh gale from  
the S.W. at 7 furled the fore top sail and  
fore sail were round at daylight close  
reefed the M.T.S. at 6 set close reefed T.T.S.  
were round saw two sails, and Gramscus

Friday 22nd. Light airs and Calms  
bent a new Main top sail employed  
repairing the old one. At 4 P.M. we held  
stow washed off new Main top sail  
clewlines and buntlines shortened sail  
I'm 22 years old to day



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# Cruising off River Plate

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with fresh breezes double reefed the main top sail at 1 A.M. at 2 furler the gills at daylight weather looking bad at 7 furler fore sail and fore top sail at 9 A.M. under close reefed main top sail blowing a gale from the N.E. seas running high. not one aloft. P.M. wind veered to the S.W. at 4 P.M. wind came out from the S.W. moderated kept off steering N.E. by E. made sail wind increasing at 11 under double reefed top sails split the fore sail and furler it

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. At daylight made all sail wind from the S.W. and fresh. steering N.E. by E. at 1 P.M. altered the course steering N.W. by N.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. Light breezes from the S.W. steering N.W. by N. am bent the old fore sail bent a new one in its place. employed repairing a main top sail P.M. substituted the fore top sail and bent the one repaired in its place bent main royal put up new main royal foot reef so on P.M. wet hole

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant fresh breezes at daylight saw the Coast of South America all hands on deck washed off the bulwarks in side repaired a spade box scraped spade holes painted the spades bent up fore royal yards fitted new fore royal lifts and lots of other things to numerous mutations painting scraping & humbugging at 3 P.M. Came to anchor off Santa Cruz. Capt went ashore with the boat and brought off two gentlemen they sealed the hatches and set them ashore again.



Wednesday 27th of March 1861

Pleasant weather and light air from the southward. Employed washing ship around outside scraping dead eye straps painting them &c. The Boat went ashore brought off a man unsealed the hatches sealed them again and then sent him ashore at 10 A.M. got under weigh made all sail and commenced to beat up to the City at 4 P.M. Came to anchor again the tiller sitting out after dark a breeze sprang up fair wind weighed anchor again at half past 8 P.M. found ourselves in the mud cleared up light sails set anchor watches

Thursday 28th. at half past 12 A.M. Called all hands got out a Kedge Anchor and began to kedge the ship out of the mud worked a while at it and then gave it up lowered all the Boats and began to tow the tide rising at 5 A.M. Came to anchor off St Catharines Capt went below and went to sleep Ref. & all hands stopping up the punning piggies and washing ship Sam Howland. He is as cross as the Devil says if the John Dawson had not 700 barrells of kerosene oil she would not carry him out of this place and I am of the same mind we have been humbugged and bug hummed so that we don't care a damn — it is evening now and we feel a little better than we did for most of us aft have received letters from home I received one from Mary Jane it has rained all day we have broke out for Water &c



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St Catharines Thursday Eve 28<sup>th</sup> of March  
My dear Sister,

Here we are at Anchor once more I received a letter from you today and was glad enough to get it. It was all up last night towing the old John out of the mud we ran on to a bar. I should feel sleepy but the letter I got today has raised my spirits a little for I had given up all hopes of getting a letter from home. Well we are all well and I was glad to hear that you were well at home. I see the Osceola has not done much I am sorry for them but if whales are not seen that cannot be taken. I expect we shall have liberty here I have not been ashore yet. Sam has been ashore a little while today I long to get ashore you can imagine how a Chaff feels after a long cruise on salt water. I tell you what it is Jennie you just be a good girl and I will be your beau when I get there I shan't get married until I am 30 if I live as long as that. I am a few days over 22 now. About all the letters I have received this voyage has been from you so I begin to think you care something about me I hope the next time I get home we shan't be growing all the time the same as we was last time. Sam and I have got to be regular growlers Capt L or Godfrey humbugs us so much he has got so much oil he is trying to drive his crew out of the ship by working them all day and night and starving them in the bargain I know one that won't leave the old John (that is if I live) until I get to New Bedford I don't expect Sam and I shall be able to get a berth to come whaling again but that don't trouble us any we are independent as a hog on ice if we can't stand up we will fall down. well I will vast leaving for this time perhaps I shall think of more to write some other time so good night. The fore mast stands the anchor watches so I've got all night in —



April 2nd. I will now try to finish  
Abbie & Hammond



# Laying in St Catharines Brazil

Friday 29th of March 1861

Here put this is good Friday with the people ashore here so all we can do is to scrape food stays &c. I have been ashore a little while this morning Sam pinched a yellow ball in the market the rogue - F.B. painted round the bows in the evening Sam & Mr Dumblin Frank Potter and myself went on shore we had quite a fine time came on board early

Saturday 30th. Pleasant weather the Starboard Watch ashore on liberty I expect Sam is having a good time and I hope he is. well our Watch will hold painted the ship outside furled the sails &c tomorrow is our liberty day and I hope I shall find some friends ashore. I am a little homesick to night I wish I could be there for there's no place like home.

Sunday 1st of April It has been pleasant all day we have painted the ship inside the bulwarks the starboard watch are ashore on liberty. yesterday I was ashore and enjoyed myself very well considering but as I said before there's no place like home.

Tuesday 3rd. It is pleasant to day but awful hot Yesterday I was on liberty had a very pleasant time last evening the Starboard Watch are ashore to day enjoying the comforts of St Catharines I expect they are working very hard to day tomorrow is our day again.



On board Bark John Danson

Saturday 6th of April 1861

It is a drizzly day. and it is my day to go ashore but as I don't feel very well I will not go before afternoon I have been ashore one day since I wrote last yesterday I was rather unwell to day I'm a little better we are not working very hard now Capt is selling butter flour and meat out of the ship and putting the money in his pocket I suppose

Sunday 7th. This is the sabbath day at home but not ashore in this wild country I went ashore yesterday afternoon stayed until this morning went to a Ball last evening on a shakerdown some of our paylors got put in the jug I don't know what for. To morrow we expect to leave this hell hole and I hope we shall

Monday 8th. Pleasant light baffling air



Private Journal on board Bark *Finland*

Wednesday 10th of April 1861 We are now laying at Santa Cruz last Monday a boat crew of us went across the river with a man by the name of John Dawson, to his house 8 miles from St Catharines. We staid all night and left his house at 12 O'clock yesterday in the mean time the ship was got under weigh and came down here to Santa Cruz 12 miles from St Catharines we got on board last night about 5 P.M. we had a very pleasant time to Mr Dawson he has a large farm lots of Orange trees we got a Boat load of oranges. To day we took two kegs of Casks ashore filled 1/3 and took them on board stowed most of them down below. sold a new Chale Boat on purpose the Capt sold it for he took it on shore. Lemarble has been ashore all day trading clothes at 4 P.M. an Officer came off from the shore and sealed the hatches.

Friday 12th. Pleasant weather I did not have time to write yesterday we were so busy, yesterday we got 22 Casks of Fresh water on board and stowed it down at 3 P.M. the Bark *Atlantic* of New Bedford came in and anchored near us at 6 we got under weigh and beat out to sea at 12 O'clock last night we were all clear of the land on the Port back heading to the S.E. To day we stowed the Anchors on the bows stowed the Cables down below but not got the Craft in the Boats yet. saw five hawks I'm glad we are out to sea once more. I hope the next port will be New Bedford.



On board Bark John Danson

Saturday 13th. of April 1861

Pleasant weather  
light breezes Employed getting, studding and  
boom aloft setting studding sails put  
up preventer for. topmast and back stays steering  
E. by E. Mr. Hicks is getting better he killed  
his Turkey. Capt thought it was his Turkey  
but come to find out it was Hicks's Turkey  
after all

Sunday 14th. Pleasant steering by the wind  
on the Starboard tack heading N.E. light winds  
Capt wants to learn how to Carve a Turkey. He knows  
how to eat one or any thing else that's good  
at sun set wind fresh. steering by the wind

Sunday 15th. Light breezes steering by the wind  
Employed various. Cut a lower studding sail  
in two made two three square studding sails  
out of it locked twice, wet holds, V.C. at sun set  
wind freshened on the Starboard tack heading  
S.E. by E. Sam and me have been talking  
about the falls over in Baker town. at 7 P.M.  
ran a sail off her beam.

Tuesday 16th. Pleasant fresh breezes from  
the N.E. on the Port tack heading E. by E.  
ran a sail employed fitting new flying  
jib pendant and sheet broke out of  
the slop Cask. got water out the fore hold  
fitted new main top-gallant runner



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of April Pleasant weather  
steering by the wind on the port tack heading  
E N E. I fitted new jib foot ropes weaving  
a snow mat overhauling blocks and  
various other things pertaining to ships duty  
Brangs making brangs and vent spiles

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> We are 21 Months out to day.  
We have had light winds all day this afternoon  
the wind hauled to the South but lower top masts  
and top gallant studding sails We have been  
ripping up an old sail Mr. Wicks making fore  
sheet blocks &c Steward preserving Oranges  
for Capt. the weather looks rainy I wish I was  
in New Bedford I could make good weather  
of it - Embled squally rainy took in studding sail

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather steering by the  
wind from the starboard tack heading to the North  
light breeze ran 5 sails Employed serving back  
stays strapped fore sheet blocks overhauling  
main brace blocks wet hold &c ran 5 pumps  
Cooper Cleaned the Capt's Chest of tools

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather light wind  
from the N E by N. steering by the wind at 12 M  
tacked heading E by S. Ran 5 sails. Cooper has  
been a Bride Cake for Miss Albert the most of us  
have been washing for this is our wash day. Steward  
is worrying about his patching Mr. Wicks has been  
finishing his Box Mr. Duntlin finishing a pair of  
pants &c.



On board Bark John Dawson

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1861

Commenced light breeze from the NNE  
at 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Commenced to lighten at 7 A.M.  
had a heavy squall wind increased to a  
strong breeze at 12 O'clock double reefed  
fore top sail and single reefed the main  
at 4 P.M. made sail again

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> I've been a little under  
the weather for the past two days with a  
bad cold but I'm better now I turned  
to this morning well to day it is squally  
and rainy we have been setting studding  
sails and taking them in again shifted  
fore top mast studding sail boom over  
twice this fore noon I wish we had  
a Captain that knew something for this  
one knows nothing - We know how to  
eat himself and how to starve others  
I ought to have Officers that would  
not be imposed upon. but he does just as  
he likes with these and all they can  
say is yes sir. after sitting down to the  
table with his second mate in port  
the other officers were on shore well Capt. had  
two bowls of Oysters put along side of his  
plate. and as I was saying after he had  
eaten both bowls full Gape and says Hard  
old things to call Oysters the second mate  
made this dinner out of salt Horse and  
hard tack. over half the fresh meat he buys  
in port he puts in his pocket in the last  
port he gave a young woman a Gallon of  
slush and a Gallon of Oil I don't know what  
for but I guessed. I would have paid  
her in money. I think that is the reason  
why we can't get a fair wind



Bound North from St Catharines.

Thursday 25th. Light air and Calm on the starboard tack heading to the Northward. one sail in sight. Took the starboard Boat in on deck took her sealing out painted her inside put her on the Cranes again at 4 P.M. — took out for Tar and Bread. saw a piece of sperm Whales Case. . . . We had a splendid Moon light night last night the first pleasant night we have had for a long time the moon is full.

Friday 26th. Light wind from the S.E.ward. Lower top mast & top gallant studding sails out Employed shortening flying jib & gaff painted the starboard Boat outside over hauled several blocks. wet hold &c two sails in sight time passes dreadful dull aboard here now I wish to the Lord we was going into New Bedford tomorrow. . we are steering North half E. Killed old Betsy our old cow

Saturday 27th. Fresh wind from the S.E. steering N by E. Capt has been skinning all day Mr Wicks has been polishing his boxes Mr Duntlin making a pair of pants the rest of us washing our clothes &c saw a sail. had fresh pork for dinner and supper. our Lat is about 48.30 South. I forgot to mention that Cooper has been making another bird cage for the Captain

Sunday 28th. Breeze trades from the E.S.E. steering N by E. lower top mast & top gallant studding sails set in the afternoon saw two sails I can't write any more today. times are so awful dull



# Journal Kept on board the Whaling Bark

Monday 29th of April Fresh trades from the Eastward steering N by E. at sun rise set fore top gall and studding sail Employed strapping blocks &c. Capt scrimshorning wet the hold. at 7 P.M. took in studding sails luffed N.N.E. during the day saw three seals  
Lat  $12^{\circ} 32' S$

Tuesday 30th. Fresh trades from the Eastward steering N.N.E. water employed taking the spun yarn off main top mast back stays and putting it on again one Brig in sight we have beat her 20 miles to day at 4 P.M. set the studding sails took them in for a squall and set them again Capt to work on his box  
Lat  $9^{\circ} 31' S$

Wednesday the first of May 1861. Fresh breezes steering N.N.E. a Bark in sight steering the same we beat her about 10 miles during the day. Employed taking spun yarn off back stays and putting it on again after sun set rainy and squally. Godfrey is scrimshorning all the time I shall be glad when I get clear from him  
Lat  $6^{\circ} 23' S$  Long  $31^{\circ} 30' W$

Thursday 2nd. Fresh breezes all sail set — to day we have been working in the riggin as usual. saw one sail point Porpoise. Came round to night struck one and the iron drum out. Cooper has been repairing an old Coak. he got to sleep last night in his watch on deck and tried to wash his face with the fresh water tunnel  
Lat  $3^{\circ} 17' S$

ended squally took in the studding sails and light sails



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John Samson of New Bedford

Friday 3rd of May 1861. Fresh breezes from the E by S. steering N.E. by N. squally and rainy unbent fore and main topgallant sails bent the main topgallant sail foreward bent a new one to the main. Watch employed variously in ships duty. Wet hold &c. Our Latitude to day was 144 Miles South.

Saturday 4th. Light breezes from the E by S steering N.E. by N. ran three sails one to steamer. Mr. Wicks is making a Cradle to rock his baby in when he gets married at 4 P.M. hauled in the interesting sails unbent lower and top mast studding sails and stowed them away. Sam says tell them I am well. and I should think he was seeing the quantity of grub he devours.  
Lat at 12 M was 1.58 North.

We crossed the equator sometime last night.

Sunday 5th. Raining and Calm at times light airs rained all the forenoon. some of the Port watch tried to be a little sulky, last night lost their watch below this forenoon to pay for it. there is one sail in sight off starboard quarter the Capt. <sup>Parra</sup> ~~Parra~~ Kutflew over board this afternoon we lowered a Boat and picked it up but died after a short time at sun set a light breeze sprang up from the N.E.

Monday 6th. Light breezes and rainy Calm at times watch employed making shroud mat spun yarn &c. in the afternoon Capt took his Boat and went on board the English Bark Snarebrook from New e. bound to London with a load of wool - at 4 P.M. Capt came back and some of the boats crew was three sheets in the wind - we wet the hold, it looks rainy and squally.



## Journal kept on board Bark

Tuesday May 7th. 1861 Commences raining and rained all day at times had light wind from the E N E. saw two sails. The Steward is making Beer we had some for dinner. I do wish it would stop raining for I was wet all last night and have been most all day to day. I am going to make me a pair of shoes Mr Wicks gave me the leather this afternoon I know I could make a good pair if I had the tools and knew how. at any rate I am going to try necessity is the mother of invention —

Wednesday 8th. Fresh Wind from the N E was steering by the wind on the starboard tack raining at times a Bark in sight off the beam I have commenced to make my my shoes

Thursday 9th. Pleasant weather steering by the wind on the starboard tack Employed fitting a new Mizzen top gallant stay put a mat on the foot of the main top gallant sail mending the shoes I & Capt scrimshorning. Wet cold

Friday 10th. Pleasant fresh trades steering by the wind, employed trapping blocks raising back stays Capt scrimshorning so on and so forth saw nothing neither sails nor whales I it awful dull times aboard here living on salt horse and hard bread now and then a little Dandyfunk



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John Dawson of New Bedford

Saturday 11th. Pleasant weather watch employed variously in ships duty broke out for Foul in the afternoon Capt took a Boat went on board the American Bark Angelia of New York bound to Pernambuco. we got some late papers. we hear they are fighting at Rome. at 4 P.M. used the hold. I have got one shoe finished

Sunday 12th. Baffling winds and squally steering by the wind heading to the North. Sam is looking at my Ambrotypes and his own to - we have got some New York papers but all there is in them is wars and advertisements

Amos C Baker has gone to the mast head and I thought I would just let you know that I am alive & kicking and am in hopes to be with you night - Fall if nothing happens. my wife and children are well  
Lat 16.16 North.

Yours truly Samuel Russell.

Monday 13th. Fresh breezes steering by the wind on the Starboard tack heading to the North at 6 A.M. Carried away one of the Mast in gale back chains fixed it again set the jibb stay up set the jibbs again employed throwing back stays knotting rope yards etc. used the hold  
Lat 18.29 North

Tuesday 14th. Light winds most of the day steering by the wind heading to the North. we have been variously employed in ships duty. Bob told one of the Portuguese to throw some Beans soup over board Portuguese told the Captain so Bob has got to stay on deck all day until next Sunday. a man that would eat Beans soup ought to have his Ricker hanging in to good for nothing if a man don't eat Beans the Capt is going to give him Beans

Lat 20.56 North.



# A Life on the Ocean Wave

A life on the ocean wave  
The man who wrote that was green  
He never has been to sea  
And a storm he never has seen.

He never has seen a wave  
As it dashed o'er the vessel's deck  
He never has seen a fire at sea  
Or been floating upon a wreck,

He never has been aroused  
From his morning's gentle dose  
By the sound of the splashing water  
As it fell from the horrible hose.

He never has heard a man  
Scrubbing right o'er his head  
With a noise sufficient to rouse  
From the grave the slumbering dead,

He never has seen a fat woman  
Growing thinner day by day  
And leaning o'er the vessel's side  
Throwing herself away.

While people look Carelessly on  
Though in tears the woman may be  
And unfeelingly say it is nothing at all  
Only the will of the Sea.

And O! he has never been sea sick  
And crept into bed in his Coat  
While every motion increased his  
Throes

And his feelings were all in his throat.

That man may have sailed in a boat  
In some puddle or on a pond  
But if he has been to sea and wrote  
Such a song, he deserves to be drowned.



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On board Bark Geo Dawson of New Bedford  
Wednesday 15th of May 1861

This day Commences pleasant with light trades from the E by N. steering by the wind on the starboard tack heading to the North at sunrise saw one sail. Watch employed turning in the fore rigging at 5 P.M. got the rigging all turned in & exchanged ensigns with a French Brig saw another sail

Lat. 23.11 North.

Thursday 16th. Commences with light baffling winds in the forenoon had a fresh breeze afternoon a light breeze saw three sails one a schooner. Watch employed working in the fore rigging but the hold &c

Lat 24.33. N

Friday 17th. Commences with fresh breezes, in the forenoon had light winds overcast at noon watch employed. Hairs rigging broke out for Beef Pork Sugar Coffee and Raisins for the Captain. Came up with the Bark. Queen Wintence of Dundee both of us steering by the wind we passed close to her about 6 P.M. saw a Vermorel Brig to windward.

Lat 25.55 N

Saturday 18th. We are 22 months out to day with 900 bbls of sperm oil. the wind today has been light and variable saw a Bark Brig and a Ship. wet hold at 7 P.M. steering N.E.

Lat 27.41 N.

Sunday 19th. Pleasant weather a gentle breeze from the S.E. ward steering N.E. this is the Sabbath day I wonder how many whos we shall have to see aboard the old Geo Dawson not over 34 I hope at 1 P.M. kept off steering North wind about South and a fresh breeze during the day saw 5 sails



# A Journal kept on Board the whaling

Sunday the 20th of Nov 1861

Commenced with light winds from the South steering North. Watch employed rearing off the fore rigging broke out a sack of bread. Cooper scrimshorning for the Captain one of the fore top mast shrouds parted ends with squally rainy

Tuesday 21st. Fresh breezes from the NE wind steering by the wind watch employed to work in the rigging & C. Cooper scrimshorning for the Captain wet hold, times are awful dull aboard this old Bark. At sun set shortened

~~Lat 35.46 N Long 43.46 W~~  
~~we are now on whale ground.~~  
~~Lat 35.46 N Long 43.46 W~~

Wednesday 22nd Light winds ran firbacks Porpoises Blackfish & one sail Caught a Porpoise watch working in the rigging Caped off the fore rigging Cooper scrimshorning for the Capt at sun set shortened sail in bent main royal. I suppose we are now on whale ground. Lat 35.46 N Long 43.46 W

Thursday 23rd Pleasant weather made sail at sunrise Light winds Took the Larboard Boat in on deck to nail her and paint inside at 4 P.M. put her out on the Cranes again this day ends with light baffling airs.

Friday 24th Pleasant light airs and Calm took the waist Boat in on deck to nail and paint inside, turned the Larboard Boat up and painted her outside. Caught a Turtle put the waist Boat out on her Cranes again wet hold & C. Caught a porpoise



Mr Albert



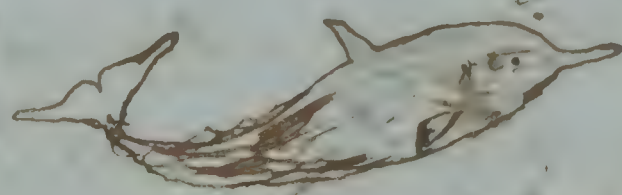
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Bark John Dawson of New Bedford

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1861

Weather calm & serene. Light breezes from the westward ran several Raids from Backs & Fore Backs we have been scrimshorning to day. A year ago to day we was at St Georges Bermuda and it was our liberty ashore Mr Ficks and myself went to Hamilton in the mail Coach and had our profiles taken. I wonder where we shall be in a year from now perhaps in our graves and perhaps not I hope not any how although this is a hard world still we all cling to life

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant weather light winds steering N.E. saw Fin backs one sail in sight astern Caught a porpus Sam has been writing a letter home and told Mr Ficks he wrote something about him and Ficks has been down the steege this afternoon looking for it but could not find it. in the afternoon lowered the Boats for Black fish but did not get any



Mr ALBERT.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>. Fresh wind from the Southward steering E.N.E. broke out for water sent down the fore top sail repaired it at 2 P.M. bent it again saw fin backs and two sails wet holes at sun set shortened sail Caught a porpus



Mr A

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Fresh breezes from the S.W steering to the Eastward saw fin backs and one sail & watch employed putting saltlines on the topmast rigging set up flying jib gump tares them W.C. Mr Albert Hollex sold his Porpus blubber

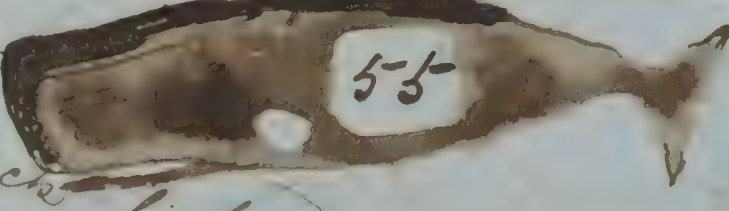
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Strong wind from the S.W steering to the Eastward under double reefed top sails saw Lubber Bottoms. broke out Reef and Port employed working in the rigging made a sword mat at sun set took this sail and luffa to the wind Caught a Porpus





Journal kept on board the Whaling Bark

Thursday 30th. of May. 1861 Foggy drizzling rain seen Fin backs. We have had Porpus meat to eat this last 10 days and for my part I'm ashamed to look a Porpus in the face. At 10 A.M. made sail light breezes from the West and steering to the East. more calm cleared down the sails

Friday 31st Thick drizzly weather saw Samphuses and Porpuses fresh wind from the S.W. steering S.E. at 8 A.M. George Kanaka raised sperm Whales called all hands at lowered the Boats. the whales were going to leeward. about 2 P.M. the Starboard Boat went on and struck a whale. the Whale sounded took all the large tub Capt Came down and struck the whale and shot him at the same time at half past 4 P.M. got the whale along side and commenced to cut cut the blubber off lashed down the piece got supper and set quarter watches at 8 o'clock. during the night cut up horse pieces cleared away the ship &c so ends that last day of May 1861  
The whale has a scar  II B.  
(where he has been struck before)

Saturday June 1st. Pleasant weather at half past 8 A.M. Called all hands and commenced to cut again. half past 9 finished cutting and splicing. Main Brace bailed the Case sent down cutting tables &c afternoon broke out blubber room wore ship made sail saw fin backs and Killers cut up the junk



John Danson of New Bedford.

Sunday 2nd of June - Pleasant weather fresh breezes all hands employed boiling Ore in the afternoon gave us a watch below Sat 8 set the watches for the night

Monday 3rd. Fresh winds at 8 A.M. finished boiling put on the fat lean made sail employed clearing up the decks &c. afternoon starboard watch went below steering to the N.E. at sunset shortened sail luffed to the wind on the Port tack. Capt says Whipple is not much of a prognosticator. Not all ships are carrying fore ropes since Capt Cornell wrote home about this so he says

Tuesday 4th. Light winds from the S.W. steering full and by watch employed variously in ship's duty overhauled fore & aft mast hauled back set one sail Blackfish and Skinbacks.

Wednesday 5th. Light air employed Coopering Oil ready to stow down in the afternoon had light winds from the S.W. steering by the wind on the Port tack broke out part of one side of the after hold and stowed it on the other so on. Sam Lullahan bottoms at first called them Sperm Whales got the boats ready but found ourselves sucked in at 12 were round so made fresh breezes

Thursday 6th. Strong wind from the South west called all hands at half past 3 and commenced to break out the after hold to stow down Oil Worked all day at 5 P.M. finished sam finbacks and two sails - under double reefed top sails were round steering South East, at sun set luffed to the wind. the wind hauled to the N.N.W. so made



Journal kept on board the whaling Bark

Friday 7th. of June 1861

Commences with light winds from the N.W. made sail at sun rise at 6 A.M. kept off steering S.E. watch employed washing the ship inside the bulwarks ran Fairbacks. at 12 o'clock finished washing. afternoon repaired the hose that held. tacked twice made sail steering S.E.

Saturday 8th. Light winds from the S.P.E. steering S.E. wind on the port tack. This is our wash day. Some have been washing and some have been scrimshawing. at sun set had light airs steering S.E. this day ends with light breeze from the N.W.

Sunday 9th. Commences with light variable winds at 8 A.M. breezed up from the S.W. in the afternoon had strong breezes all sail set wind hauled to the West so ends

Monday 10th. Strong winds all sail set steering S.E. at daylight saw the Island of Flores one of the Western Islands at 9 A.M. Took in fore top gallant sail. at 5 P.M. raised the Island of Fayal bearing about S.E. under whole top sails and courses at 6 saw what we supposed to be a sperm whale lowered the two Starboard Boats but did not see it again. Came on board double reefed the top sails furled the Courses. Run into the land wore heading off shore close reefed the top sails at 11 wore heading in set the fore sail blowing a gale from the W.S.W. at 12 wore again heading off so ends



John Danson of New Bedford

Tuesday 11th. of June Commences blowing a Gale  
berthing up under Topyal under close reefed top sails  
and fore sail at half past 3 A.M. Shooker. Reef out  
the main top sail set the main sail jib and spanker  
were several times furled the main sail again but  
the hold at 7 furled the jib and spanker and close  
reefed the main top sail again laying aback drizzling  
rain. and blowing heavy but trilled all the afternoon  
making and taking in sail at 5 to under close reefed main  
top sail

Wednesday 12th Blowing a gale from the West. at 8 A.M.  
wore ship heading S.W. on the starboard tack set close  
reefed fore top sail at 10 set jib and spanker at 12 set  
fore sail shook on reef out the No. 1. the Helants of Topyal  
Pier St George & Spaciosa in sight afternoon wind moderated  
made more sail at 4 Capt and boats crew went ashore  
at Fayal the Bark Atlantic is laying off and on at dark  
our Boat came off on board left Capt Cornell ashore. Capt  
Sherman of the Atlantic wants Mr Wicks to go on board  
with him as second mate. I hope he will go.

Thursday 13th Moderate weather laying off and on at  
Fayal Capt ashore the Boat has been running back  
and forth all day the Bomb boats came alongside (trading  
and among the rest of their things they brought some  
chain lightning most all the crew fore ward got tight  
some got dead drunk. Mr Wicks is discharged he is  
going in the Atlantic. I am sorry he is going for I have  
been with him so long but so it is. we started 10  
barrels of Pork out of Cocks into barrels - Capt came  
off at sun set put one of the drunken men in irons

Friday 14th. Moderate weather laying off and on at  
Fayal the Atlantic in Company Capt and Mr Albert  
ashore. sent 10 barrels of Pork on shore broke out two  
Cocks of bread. broke out slop chest sent 21 Cotton shirts  
ashore. Mr Wicks took his things aboard the Atlantic  
today at sun set Capt and Mr Albert came on board  
stood out to sea in Company with the Atlantic  
Mr Wicks is gone and I feel lonesome enough



## Journal kept on board Bark

Saturday 15th Strong wind from the N N W  
the Islands of Fayal and Pico in sight at 12  
o'clock spoke the Bark Atlantic took 2 Casks of  
Bread on board of her I was on board the A and ran  
Mr Wicks at 3 P.M. separated the Atlantic on  
the starboard tack and we on the Port tack made  
Raid at sun set shortened sail stood in  
between Fayal and Pico

Sunday 16th. Pleasant at 7 Capt and one  
boats crew went ashore at Fayal to land some  
letters at 9 came off again stood out to sea  
tacked several times

Monday 17th Light winds thick weather  
saw two sails Fayal and Pico watch employed  
variously in ships duty wet hold at 4 P.M.  
we are heading to the North on the Port tack

Tuesday 18th. Pleasant light wind from the N N W  
steering by the wind heading to the Westward the Bark  
Atlantic in sight off weather beam watch employed  
cleaning Carpenters Tools &c. tacked twice the A  
set Colors at her Mizzen peak. this day ends with a  
Calm saw the Islands of Flores and Corvo in sight

Wednesday 19th. Light airs and Calms the Islands  
of Flores and Corvo in sight Bark Atlantic and  
two other sails employed variously fitted the truss  
to the main yard. Ke on &c tacked several times

Thursday 20th. Pleasant weather at 10 A.M. Capt went  
ashore at Flores and got a Portuguese. Cam on board  
and took to the Westward on the wind fresh breezes  
ran Fri back.



John Dawson of New Bedford

Friday 21st of June Pleasant weather steering by the wind heading N by W. at 11 A.M. tacked at 3 P.M. gamed with Bark Atlantic Mr. Weeks Came on board here we had a fine game at 9 separated wind from the West by North. on the Port tack heading N by W.

Saturday 22nd Fresh Wind from the Westward steering by the wind ran Bark Atlantic - at 4 P.M. wet hold

Sunday 23rd. Fresh Wind from the Westward - at 6 A.M. lowered down two Boats for Kump blacked Mr. Albert shot one with a Bomb lance but the bird did not stop for that Came on board again took in F.S.L.S. we are heading to the N.W.

Monday 24th. Thick hazy weather at 9 A.M. double reefed the topsails at 4 P.M. wet the hold ran two sails one a Bark. at sun set shortened sail

Tuesday 25th. Hazy atmosphere made sail at sunrise broke out Bree & Bore. Capt told me this morning if I had any scrimshawing to do to keep my tools on deck not to be running down the Cabin all the time damn his old Cabin he ought to have a hogpen built up in one corner so he could crawl into it. if he says much more to me I will leave the Cabin perhaps he thinks I am a fool because he is one all the difference between us is he is a fool and don't know it I am a fool and know it. at 4 P.M. lowered down the Boats for Blackfish dashed out of all three Boats but did not get fast Came on board again and washed off the decks.



# Journal kept on board the Whaling

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Commences with fresh breeze from the Westward on the Port tack heading to the N. W. Took in light sails Watch employed Knotting rope yards &c. at 1 P.M. double reefed the fore top sail furlled the main sail strong breezes at 4 wore round ram fair backs. Ram one sail at sun set shortened sail

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. Commences blowing a gale from the S.W. at sunrise set fore top sail and fore sail took in the fore top sail again employed fitting the perils lashing to the main top sail yard bin shins Onions &c. Capt ran some lead bullets in Case a Privateer should tackle us. at sun set shortened sail ends with strong winds

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Light winds ran two sails steering to the Eastward. Ram fair backs, watch employed picking over potatoes made two swabs wet hold at sun set shortened sail Cloudy with lightning ends with light airs

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. Light winds from the N.W. made sail at sunrise ran fair back Ram three sails at 11 A.M. spoke Bark. A R. Tucker of New Bedford just one month out clean all hands got letters except me I don't like it pretty much I only wish I had not written a letter home this voyage. for I know know that they don't care any thing about me well I can't blame them for I'm a poor miserable skunk and we gained with the A R Tarter 11 P.M. this day ends with a calm



Bark John Dawson of New Bedford

Sunday 30th of June Commenced with light  
air pleasant weather. several sails in sight  
after dinner Capt went on board the Schooner Bark  
Lucy A Nichols of Lanesport from Bristol England  
bound to Lanesport Maine. at sun set took in  
light sails

Monday 1st of July 1861 Light winds watch  
employed making swabs knotting rope game  
at 10 AM wet hold took in light sails at sun  
set saw a Comet in the Evening saw several  
sails

Tuesday 2 Pleasant weather fresh breeze from  
the N.W. saw several sails spoke and came  
with Bark Robert Morison of New Bedford  
Uncle Sylvanus Came on board here brought  
me a letter and furnished Ambrotype photo  
me all the news at sun set shot and  
sail on the Port tack heading to the N.W.

Wednesday 3rd. Fresh breeze from the West  
steering off the wind on the Port tack. heads  
N.W. the R. M. in sight

Thursday 4th of July Light winds saw 5 sails  
some of them gamming enjoying the fourth of July  
at 12 o'clock lowered the Boat for Blackfish  
larboard Boat got one Came on board got dinner  
Capt went off again shot at one and missed  
him. shot at two more and hit them where he  
did the first one. this is the way we enjoyed  
our fourth of July at 5 games with Barks  
Robert Morison & Elizabeth at 12 o'clock Came  
on board so ends this 4th of July. I forgot to  
mention we had some fireworks aboard the Elizabeth  
Roman candles and skyrockets



## Journal kept on board Barb

Friday 5th of July Pleasant weather several sails in sight employed mincing and boiling Blackfish blubber at 12 M. finished boiling washed ship and wet hold took in light sails at sun set lowered for Blackfish but did not get near enough to strike

Saturday 6th. Pleasant saw two sails one a large ship with main sky sail set we cant see any thing that looks like a sperm whale saw a thin back at sun set shortened ail

Sunday 7th Fresh wind from the NW made sail at sun rise. in the afternoon gained with Brice Argo of Fozal. & Schooner E. H. Hatfield of Provincetown. saw a Spanish Ship

Monday 8th. Light winds afternoon Calm one year ago to day I struck a whale. saw a Whig and a ship. served the jib sheets sewed some leather on the fore royal shrouds &c at 9 PM. Clewed down the top sails Calm

Tuesday 9th. Dead Calm watch employed knotting rope yards sewed some leather on the main royal shrouds saw three sails. at 8 PM made sail light baffling air

Wednesday 10th. Light winds and Calm saw two sails saw Breckes. broke out Butter and water so on and so forth

Thursday 11th. Light air saw two sails at 4 AM saw breckes run for them but saw no more of them



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John Danson of New Bedford.

Friday 12th of July Light winds and Calms at 12 O'clock saw 77 sails after dinner Capt Wind on board of an English merchant ship from Bombay bound to Liverpool at sun set saw 27 sails from our mast head took in top gallant sails at 10 P.M. Came near running into an English Bark

Saturday 13th. Light winds saw several merchant ships saw Spanish whalers at first called them Spanish Whales got the boats all ready and found ourselves sucked in. saw black fleet 20 on VC took in top gallant sails at sun set

Sunday 14th. Light winds and variable saw one sail at 12 O'clock picked up a piece of timber 42 feet long hoisted it in on deck found it to be yellow pine. at sun set Capt Cornell went aboard the Bark Atlantic Mr Wicks and Mr Cottle came here gained until half past 4

Monday 15. Light Air and Calms Capt Sherman of the Atlantic came aboard here in the morning Mr Wicks and Bassett came to gained until 3 P.M. a light breeze sprang up wet the hold and washed off. at 10 P.M. Capt Cornell came on deck and picked up a muss with him for nothing at all a penible man would not said a word. Godfrey will overreach himself yet if he keeps on I don't know but he has already

Tuesday 16th. Light winds and pleasant weather picked up a yellow pine plank 35 feet long fitted new fore top mast stay sail pendants fitted fore royal lifts &c. saw 9 sails



# Journal kept on board the Whaling

Wednesday 17th of July Commences with fresh breezes from the N.W. at sun rise made sail ran white water off weather bow  
undertook a dubbing of a plank I made an iron hole and set up an iron at sun set shortened sail ends blowing strong from the West saw 3 sails saw 3 humpbacks 2 fin backs & 2 porpoises

Thursday 18th. Blowing strong from the Westward broke out the blubber room for water. picked up a vessel's hatch. steering different courses under double reefed topsails and fore sail ran a Bark steering to the N.E. wore several times furled the foresail at sun set

Friday 19th Strong breezes thick weather saw Fin backs Blackfish Humpbacks & Porpoises saw one sail we can see most anything but a sperm whale wet the hold &c

Saturday 20th. Fresh breezes thick damp weather saw Fin backs Humpbacks and one sail - at sun set shortened sail on the Starboard tack heading South

Sunday 21st. Strong winds from the West damp atmosphere I plenty of Fin backs in sight made sail at sun rise undertook to ~~tack~~ missed a ply on account of bad management of the Captain so we had to backhaul round said he would make Tinkham curl his lip the other way if he laughs at his working ship its too bad to laugh at any body for what they don't know



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Bark John Dawson of New Bedford.

Monday 22nd of July. Strong wind from the west steering by the house under double reefed top sails about courses. Saw Spanishes damp muggy weather wet the hold &c. Capt has got the papers all

Tuesday 23rd. Blowing strong from the east furled mainsail & frib after spritken saw a Bark steering about East this morn'g raining and squally.

Wednesday 24th. Commenced raining wind variable P.M. made sail breezed up strong furled the light sails and double reefed the fore top sail after 4 P.M. gamed with Barks Lafayette of New Bedford. A Ocean of Sandwich gamed until 10 P.M. these 24 hours ends with light baffling air heavy swell

Thursday 25th. Made sail at sunrise the Lafayette & Ocean in sight the weather looks cloudy at 12 M. under double reefed top sails courses furled. Woe 3 times. Blowing a gale from the Northward.

Friday 26th. Made sail at sunrise light wind and variable saw several sails the Ocean in sight. watch employed busily in ships duty at 2 P.M. Capt went on board the Ocean and the mate of the O. Came here game & until 10 P.M. - wind light so ends wet hold

Saturday 27th. Commenced with pleasant weather the Ocean and 3 other sails in sight at 12 o'clock M. under double reefed top sails blowing strong at 2 P.M. laying to under double reefed main top sail rainy and blowing a gale



Journal kept on board the Thetis

Sunday 28th of July Commences with strong  
winds from the NE under double reefed  
top sails Back Lafayette and several sails  
in sight. Had a westport gam with the Lafayette

Monday 29th. Light winds and pleasant several  
sails in sight. Broke out for Bread Water and  
sail Cask. Cooper repairing Casks. Not hold.  
Joe Fox is getting to be quite a day labor here the  
head canvas of the main sail up Potter has been  
to work on the dingy gear jib at sun set shortened  
sail

Tuesday 30th Pleasant weather ran several sails  
in sight at 3 A M wore made sail at sunrise  
at 12 M. tocked. Watched employees variously in  
ships duty at sun set double reefed the top sails  
at 10 furla the main sail at 12 blowing hard  
furla fore top sail fore sail jib & Spunker

Wednesday 31st Blowing strong from the NW  
ran several sails. Schooner Emerald  
of Fairhaven Capt Chedworth. we had a westport  
gam the E has 40 sperm. 10 months out at sun set  
Capt C went on board of his own vessel Choe  
I hope he won't come aboard here any more  
ran white water

Thursday 1st of August Light air and  
variable. Three sails in sight. Watch employees  
setting up jib guys & stays &c. I hope if ever  
I come a whaling again I shall get with a  
man one that I can respect. Not a thing like  
this Capt is for he is neither man nor anything  
else he has not one good principle not void out.



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Brig John Dawson of New Bedford

Friday 2nd of August Strong breeze under  
double reefed top sails. straffed fore and main  
top gallant brace blocks wet hold ran the schooner  
Emerald.

Saturday 3rd. Rainy and strong winds ran  
two sails - Capt Achin horns all day but don't  
allow any one else to do it. he had two potatoes  
boiled. Mornings for his officers at breakfast time.

Sunday 4th. Thick damp muggy weather weather  
spot an American Brig Julia Hook of Wampanoag

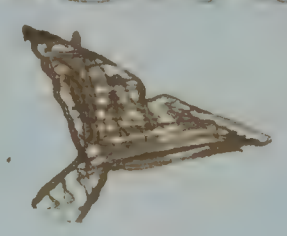
Monday 5th Rainy and squally ran Schooner  
Emerald employed making and taking in  
sail at run but shortened sail ran two  
sails

Tuesday 6th. Fresh breeze watch employed  
variously in ships duty steering by the wind  
heading to the W.S.W.

Wednesday 7th. Fresh breeze and heavy swell  
made sail George Winkler raised sperm whales  
going to windward. did not get near enough  
to strike ascertain whether they were sperm whales  
beat to windward all day. ran two sails at  
run set double reefed the top sails

Thursday 8th. Strong winds from the W.S.W.  
steering by the wind for the port tack thick weather  
at times here raining at times



Journal kept on board the whaling Barco  
Friday 9th. Light wind and Calm most of  
the time Calm Chased sperm whales all  
day but could not get near enough to get fast  
At 4 P.M. arrived on board wet hold and washed  
off the decks shortened sail at sun set   
the whales were going quick to the C & C  
if we had had a good breeze we should have struck

Saturday 10th. Raining light air made sail  
at sun rise raised till the forenoon and part of  
the afternoon at 6 P.M. lowered the Larboard boat for  
a whale that we did not see at sun set hoisted the  
Boat up again Clewed down the top sails and  
double reefed them Raining pitchforks times  
first and after reefing Capt said need not  
hoist up the sails until it stopped raining being  
we were all wet as drowned Rats

Sunday 11th. In the forenoon had strong  
wind PM light winds saw two sails and  
saw white water at sun set shortened sail  
Calm

Monday 12th. Blowing a gale from the S S W  
watch employed making Mat for Mr T & yard Mr  
D. making heading boards for Whizzer rigged wet hold  
John Bull is sick with a sore back

Tuesday 13th. Strong wind from the N W. watch  
employed making mats Mr D finished one of his  
heading boards at sun set took in all sail except close  
reefed main top sail hoisted boats on the upper cranes  
Capt is afraid it is going to blow a gale of wind he is  
easily scared



John Dawson of New Bedford

Wednesday 14th. Strong winds from the N.W. on the  
port tack heading N.W. made sail at sun rise  
Caught a lot of Albacores. we have got a barrel full  
salted to eat when our salt junk is all gone but  
that won't be this year for the men forward get  
hundreds a day. Capt scrimshorne every day and has  
Cooper to help him. but don't allow any one else  
to do it — saw several sails during the day shortened  
sail at sun set

Thursday 15th. Light air and Calm employed  
working in the rigging made sail at sun rise  
Capt scrimshorne he had two Boats for his  
dinner

Friday 16th. Raining and blowing strong, Employed  
working in the rigging at 12 M. fuller the fore top sail  
I lost my foot overboard

Saturday 17th. Strong winds when I was  
relieved at the mast head at 12 M. I felt  
rather bad so I went below and laid up  
Frank Potter took my watch at night. Capt says  
it can't be Rheumatism for I have not been  
exposed any if I have then exposed this voyage  
I don't know what he calls exposure but any how  
can't expect any more from a Hog than a grout

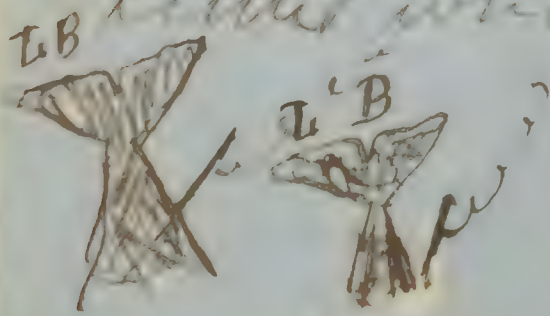
Sunday 18th. Blowing strong rain at times  
I am off duty today but feel better than I did  
last night. we are 25 months out to day —  
I wish I was at home — at sun set shortened  
sail. the Steward is real good to me and I shant  
forget him for it perhaps I shall have a chance to  
do something for him some time



Journal kept on board the Whaling  
Monday 19th of Aug 1861 Blowing strong from the  
Southward. I came on duty this morning  
went out and worked in the rigging making  
and taking in sail sailing at times saw a large  
school of Porpoises. Took several times for a shot of  
Bread but the hold just before sun  
set lowered the starboard boat and took a large  
timber along side side got up tackles and took it  
in on deck raising about of the time had a awful time  
getting it in water all night cutting it up such  
is life aboard a whaler-hunter

Tuesday 20 Pleasant wind fresh. steering to the S  
Employed working in the main rigging at 2 PM saw  
three whales going to windward. Lowered the Boats  
at 3.30 PM. Came on board at dark without  
success all sail set beating to windward

Wednesday 21st Strong wind and fogged under  
double reefed top sails at 9 AM. John Kanika raised  
three whales at 12 noon the Boats the Starboard  
Boat went on and struck a whale Mr Albert killed  
a large whale with his lance another whale got foul  
in our line and parted it Mr Dunthorn picked  
up the one Mr Alance the starboard and  
starboard boats followed the whales up the  
Port side Boat went on and struck again  
the iron drewed could not get near enough  
to fasten again our ship was nearly out of sight to  
windward we went and made fast astern  
of the whaling Schooner Geo W. Lewis of Provincetown  
3 months past 25 barrels of sperm at 4 PM. we all  
arrived aboard the ship. John Daven again went to work  
and cut the whale in. this is what I call hard work  
this is the first whale our boat has lost this voyage  
after getting fast if our line hadn't parted we should  
have got a good lot of oil as it is we have only one  
little whale commenced to boil so much



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Barque John Dawson of New Bedford.

Thursday 22nd All hands on deck to boil out this big whale spoke schooner Geo W Lewis. Strong winds smoky weather finished boiling at 12 M. afternoon Had a watch below shortened sail at sun set, so ended

Friday 23rd. Strong winds and thick weather Mr Albert and I began making a sail for our Boat we tore the old one all to pieces the other day after the whales took the fat from it out of the pots and cleaned them Cooper is at work hewing the old main log Mr Dunthin working on the main rigging Coiled new line in our large tubs that hold we saw several merchant ships

Saturday 24 The weather continues the same Mr A and we are working on our sail got it done and bent it. at sun set shortened sail

Sunday 25th. Fresh wind from the southward steering by the wind on the port tack heading SW made sail at sun rise saw nothing like a whale shortened sail again at sunset I had fun jumbled with Mr Alberts I dont allow his whale to know enough to over haul our lines and stop them

Monday 26th. Pleasant weather Employed rattling down the main rigging Rove new fore top gallant braces we are working from sun rise to sun set now some folks ashore think sailors have nothing to do but to sit and see the wind blow them along



Journal kept on board the whaling

Tuesday 27th. Fresh breeze employed setting the main rigging jammed with Bait Elizabeth of Westport, 3 months out 85 sperm. At sun set luffed to the wind and shortened sail stowed 10 barrels of oil down the afterholde

Wednesday 28th. Moderate breeze from the SSW Employed setting in the main rigging &c. shortened sail at sun set I wish we could get some oil and go home we hear they are having awful times in the United States

Thursday 29th Strong wind from the SSW ~~match of rigging working in the rigging wet the hold. Left says we will have more oil if we goes to the United States after it~~

Thursday 29th. Strong wind from the SSW Employed working in the rigging at 4 P.M. Had her under close reefed main top sail rising blowing strong at sun set blowing a gale secured things aloft the decks took the boats on the upper cranes

Friday 30th. Commences blowing a gale at 12.M. More moderate set fore top sail & P.M. under double reefed top sails and fore sail steering various courses we steer so many different courses that I can't keep run of them Watch employed working in the rigging wet hold at sun set shortened sail

Saturday 31st. Moderate wind N.W. made sail more heaving to the N.E. at sun set double reefed the fore top sail furled flying jib & Jib sail at 10 P.M. furled main sail to gallant reef double reefed the No 1 sail



Barth John Dawson of New Bedford

Sunday 1st of September. Blowing strong from the  
W. S. W. starting by the Hinch under double reefed  
top sails and fore sail at 12 M. furled fore sail &  
ket gill & spanker furled them again & c  
I wonder how many more Sabbath days have I  
got to see aboard the old John Dawson this voyage  
Sam Howland says he is going to have three girls when  
he gets home one in New Hampshire one in Dartmouth  
and one in New Bedford I tell him if he don't  
look out he'll get tripe up

Monday 2nd. Commences with fresh winds from the  
W. S. W. made sail in the morning. B. A. Came on  
to blow and we had to take it up again at 12 M  
under double reefed top sails after dinner called  
the watch below up to reef the top sails over again  
Godfrey says if they don't reef them as they ought to  
he'll keep them reefing all day had the caprice  
have taught with her crew. Sweet hold on to the  
all day

Tuesday 3rd. Strong winds the wind moderated  
for about 15 minutes Godfrey made all sail but  
it came on to blow again as any sensible man  
would have known so we had to take the rags in  
again had us setting up the mastingale back  
chains and every minute or two she would pitch  
us under water if ever I come a whaling again  
I hope I shall get with a captain that knows  
something not a thing like this one that thinks  
he knows everything and at the same time knows  
but a very little and I don't believe he has got any  
heart if he has it is a small one and black at that  
— saw Grampusse shortened sail at sun set  
at 9 were heading to the W. S. W



Journal kept on board Porpoise John Dawson

Wednesday 4th of Sept 1861 Strong wind from the N.W. on the Starboard tack heaving to the N.W. employed putting rattines on the Mizzen Rigging Capt had the 100 Cask on deck yesterday taking to sell the crew some clothes as he calls them he made out to sell a few P.M. Commenced to battie the fore rigging Nam Forebacks at sun set took in the courses

Thursday 5th. Light Airs and Calm watch Employed pulling down the fore rigging at 5 P.M. got the rattines all on at sun set shortened sail steering S.E. by E with a light breeze at 9 double reefed the mainsails.

Friday 6th Light breeze from the Westward made sail but sun rise took out one side of the after hold for Pork at 9 P.M. got all stowed back. steering N.E. by E. at sun set shortened sail and buffed to the wind. at 12 wore round so ended

Saturday 7th. Commences squally rainy furled the fore sail at 3 A.M. at sun rise made sail cleared off light winds from the Westward. steered different courses to the Eastward. at 1 P.M. raised 1 sperm whales coming to windward lowered away the Boats the starboard Boat struck and the iron dragged the whale stove the Boat Chained the whales to windward but the whales were going to give gave them up and came on board got a Boat down from the heaves put her on the starboard cranes took the other one in on deck at sun set furled fore by gallant sail steering close to the wind at 8 tacked at half past 9 tacked again at 12 tacked again. if this isn't luck I wouldn't say so but seems to me as though there were no more oil for us





Written by one of the Boat Steerers

Sunday 8th. Light winds and variable pleasant steering various Courses looking for the Whales that we cannot see Took a dip several times at sun set shortened sail at 12 wore so ends saw Grampuses.

Monday 9th. Strong winds attended with rain Mr Albert is repairing the Capt's boat for her is to leave to do it himself employed making and taking in sail Whitehead down in the Cabin Raising back at 4 P.M. At 8 the Boat finished West of us and washed off the decks at 12 wore so ends

Tuesday 10th. Good weather steering different Courses to the N.W. & W.S.W. &c. Watch employed variously some rattling the Mizzen rig in, coarsing masts and slushing Copper painting blocks saw one sail at sun set shortened sail put the repaired Boat out on the Starboard Cranes and took the other one in

Wednesday 11th. Strong breezes from the S.W. steering to the N.W. Employed repairing fore topsail saw one sail at 4 P.M. bent the fore top sail again saw White Water at sun set shortened sail this day ends rainy wind from the W.S.W.

Thursday 12th. Strong breezes Cloudy weather made sail at sun risk steering to the N.W. Wind from the N.E. Employed setting up main top mast shrouds one of them parted put a stopper on it afternoon breezing on and rainy had as much as we wanted to do to tie up the rags at sun set blowing a gale and raining laying to under close reefed main top sail secured everything for a blow at 12 blowing heavy so ends



Journal kept on board Bark John Dawson

Friday 13th. of Sept, 1861 Commences with a gale from the E by S. at day light began to make sail heavy swell running, which moderated at 12 M and all sail set except Double reefed fore top sail employed variously in ship's duty. Cooper repairing nose and painting bands round the heads of the lower masts wet holla at 4<sup>PM</sup> at 12 pulled main sail set top sail & flying jib so ends heading S by E.

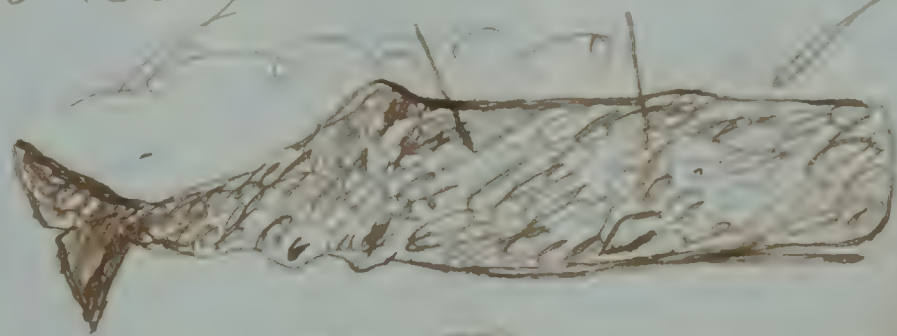
Saturday 14th. Commences with light winds and pleasant breeze all sail at sun rise steering by the wind heading S S E on the port tack one sail in sight at 11 A.M. spoke the Bark S R Tucker of New Bedford Capt Connell went aboard the A R T running at 10 A.M. raised sperm Whales lowered all the boats from both ships the whales were galleyed by Portucuses. Chaired the whales all day three boats went after one pod of Whales and three after another 2nd. & 3rd. Mates of the A R T and Capt Connell went to gether to Nor D Nor A and the 1st Mate of the A R T were together Capt Connell got out of his Boat into the second mate of the A R T's boat and they struck and the 1st mate of the Tucker killed the whale the two ships were out of sight of one another so we had to go aboard the A R T and stop all night the other three boats took the whale along side of the Samson and cut him in.

Sunday 15th. Strong breeze at day light our two boats came aboard of old John again they had the whale all cut in pieces the vessel got near fast and then took the vessel in one boats crew from the Tucker aboard here, saw a merchant ship commenced to boil all hands busy bailing case and cutting up junk and blubber at sunset the Tucker's boats crew went aboard their own ship we were several times



Monday 16th. Dight freezes all hands Employed  
 Working the Tucker in sight at 2 P.M. finished  
 boiling put on the fat then wet hole spoke the  
 Tucker at sunset the Turner up 35 barrels half  
 belongs to the A.C.T. because we mated when we  
 lowered for the whales

Tuesday 17th. Strong winds and rugga at 10 A.M.  
 raised sperm whales mated with the A.C.T.  
 and lowered away our Boat went along side  
 of a whale and struck and Mr Albert killed  
 the whale the thura mate of the T struck after  
 the whale was sporting blood and Mr Smith  
 struck to. the whale soon turned up the Tucker  
 Boat cut and went to Ceewara Mr Smith stays  
 with us wind increasing and a heavy sea running  
 Both ships left us to wipe away and run of to  
 Ceewara after more whales the mate of the T  
 struck and drewed. wind increases to a gale  
 Mr D left us and went on board to boat  
 the Bark up to us Capt C was aboard the Tucker  
 it blowed so hard could not carry sail on the  
 ship and an awful sea running I expected  
 our boat would swamp we hung to the whale  
 5 hours we had to cut line and leave the whale  
 as the ship could not come to us we were obliged  
 to keep the Boat right before the sea for fear she  
 would swamp at sea got aboard again if ever  
 I thought of home I thought of it when I was  
 laying by that whale wet through and shaking  
 with cold. the second mate of the Tucker was  
 aboard of us we put old John under close reefed  
 main top sail blowing hard and heavy sea  
 this is luck I think the best thing we can do  
 is to go home but as I did not ship to think  
 we shall have to stay a while longer.



I B.



Journal kept on board Bark John Dawson

Wednesday 18th. Commenced with strong breeze  
made sail at sun rise starting by the wind on  
the port tack the H B Tucker & his crewward Capt  
C. and boats crew aboard of her wind moderate  
made all sail searching for the lead whale  
at sun set Capt C. came on board in one  
of the Tuckers boats minus of his own boat  
as she was washed off the chains yesterday and  
had to let her go Mr Snell and his boats crew  
returned to their own ship again Capt C.  
came on deck in my watch and asked me  
which ship ought to have taken the whale I told him  
I thought the John Dawson had because she was  
nearest to us when the whale turned up, telling  
him so made him vexed for it was going against  
him he asked one of the foremast hands what he  
sided in with the Capt. Capt Cornell said I  
could do my damnest and when we get home  
I will do my damnest he said he would  
beat me all he could, he asked me my opinion  
and I told him and I dont think I have done  
any thing wrong he cant say but what I have done  
my duty and struck all the whales I have  
had a chance to strike and <sup>near</sup> half the oil we have  
taken I have struck — well he can run me as much  
as he likes he cant do me any I dont care  
whether I come whaling again or not I dont  
think I shall starve if I do not.

Thursday 19th. Light air and Calm employed  
the boat blown from the beaver put her on the  
starboard Cranes at 3 P.M. lowered for Sperm  
whales it was calm we tried to get on to them  
but could not chased them until 8 P.M.  
came on board without success have luck  
I should think. took in light sails & hauled  
the courses up H B Tucker in sight





by one of the Boat Steerers. Atlantic Ocean  
 Friday 20th. Commences with light winds  
 the A R Tucker in sight, made all sail steering  
 to the Eastward employed variously in ship's  
 duty at 12 M. spoke the Tucker. Ran two more  
 miles to windward. And one to leeward at sun-  
 set joined with the Tucker, gam gam gam the  
 sick and tired of gaming, tacked heading West by N

Saturday 21st. Strong breezes all hands employed  
 stowing down (it) at 12 finished. Ran back  
 back made all sail Capt thought they were sperm  
 whales got the Boats ready and then sprung out  
 they tacked back P.M. all hands employed working  
 about catching the A R Tucker in sight she came  
 to windward two miles to our one. At sunset  
 shortened sail on the starboard tack heading  
 S by W.

Sunday 22nd. Strong breezes at 1 A.M. wore at 6 wore  
 again made sail found 2 sails in sight at 8 1/2 AM.  
 raised white water of weather soon got near enough  
 to see spouts called them sperm whales they were  
 going to windward made all sail and beat after  
 them at 3 P.M. Came up with them lowered  
 the boats Capt's boat got fast the iron drawn out  
 and the whales started off to windward Eyes out  
 so we came on board again Capt took the harpoon  
 that drew from the whale cut the head off and  
 threw it overboard at sunset shortened sail and  
 hauled head yards back

Monday 23rd. Light winds and heavy swell at  
 10 A.M. lowered for sperm whales they were going to wind-  
 ward could not get near enough to attack saw the  
 whale we struck yesterday Came on board at 3 P.M.  
 ran a back off the sea rather thick heavy weather at  
 dark double reefed the top sails dry weather since  
 from the S.W. on the starboard tack



Journal kept on board Bark Geo Dawson

Tuesday 24th. Light winds from the S. Westward employed bunking out the after hold for Coal finished at half past 10 P.M. set up one of the main top-mast shrouds after dinner unbent the main sail repaired it bent it again at 4 P.M.

Wednesday 25th. Strong breezes from the W & W. steering by the wind on the port tack employed putting rattles on the main top-mast rigging P.M. unbent fore top-mast stay sail repaired it and bent it again at 4 —

Cook changed his clothes today the first time he has changed them for a long time. I should like for some of the delicate young ladies at home to see how nice and clean our Cook keeps himself. Cooper and some of the Paylors has been heaving off a plank at sun set close reefed the main top sail

Thursday 26th. Strong breezes steering to the SE at 2 P.M. spoke Bark A B Tucker she has taken a 50 barrel whale since we saw her we have been putting rattles on the top-mast rigging put some reef points in the fore top sail saw two more sails at sunset shortened sail at 9 furled fore top sail at 12 noon

Friday 27th. Strong winds from the North made sail at sunrise broke out the after hold for water at 7 A.M. were heading E & E. The Tucker and two other sails in sight while we were shortening sail last night by the carelessness of the Cooper Stewards curtain caught on fire had it not been for the extreme exertions of Capt B & our noble Cook the steerage would have been all on fire. Cooper says will be more careful next time with his lamp



by one of the ~~new~~ Atlantic Ocean  
 Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of Oct. Strong breezes the ART  
 in sight steering by the wind at daylight  
 Capt C went aboard the Tucker stayed a  
 short time Came on board again he got 2  
 new Harpoons two for his own boat and  
 gave me one in the afternoon saw sperm  
 Whales going to windward gallied them  
 with the ship did not lower the boats  
 at 4 P.M. Took 48 barrells of sperm oil  
 on board from the Tucker to take home for  
 her that is if we ever go home

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Strong winds the Tucker still  
 in sight a Brig passed in the afternoon steering  
 to the Eastward I should like to have spoken  
 her and got some late news from the States as  
 we think she was from some part of them at  
 sun set we shortened sail. when shall  
 we get home

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. Light Air Calm at times the  
 Tuckey still in sight at daylight Called all hands  
 and broke out the after hold to stow Oil down  
 at 7 George Barnack raised Sperm whales got the  
 boats ready and lowered away about 9 o'clock  
 the Landward boat got fast the Tuckers boats  
 were there and Capt C mated the mate of the Tucker  
 struck next another whale got our line in her  
 jaw and parted from the one we struck the  
 we struck the one that had our line in her jaw  
 killed her Capt's boat got the first one we struck  
 the third mate of the Tucker struck the same  
 whale their mate was fast to and the boat steerer  
 killed her with his iron at 1 P.M. Took the three  
 alongside of the fore Dawson then we turned to  
 and stowed down 48 barrells of oil and cut the  
 whales in took one of the whales in whole finished  
 cutting at 9 in the evening in the mean time the Tucker  
 boats followed the whales off and they captured two  
 more whales

L.B. 3

L.B. 20



Journal kept on board Bark John Dawson

Tuesday 1st of Oct 1861. Fresh breeze rainy we run down to the Tucker Capt Cornell went aboard of her stayed a while raised whales from the fore Dawson old man came aboard lowered two boats the whale was going to windward and it being rainy we had no chance to strike came on board again commenced to boil but had to cool down again on account of rain commenced to boil again

Wednesday 2nd. Light winds thick weather employed boiling the Tucker in sight and another sail saw Whitewater had to cool down the works several times on account of rain at dark shortened sail finished boiling the body put the fat lean in the pots cleared it the decks. We on the port tack heading ENE

Thursday 3rd. Fresh breeze steering so many different courses I can't keep run of them the A R Tucker still in sight. Watch employed variously some working in the rigging some cleaning the pots boiling utensils &c at sun set spoke the A R Tucker. Met the bold shortened sail at sunset for a blow

Friday 4th. Pleasant weather most of the day light fair employed Coopering Oil taking down working in the rigging at 4 P M. Took 25 barrels of sperm oil and one barrel of Turpentine on board to take home for the A R Tucker at dark blowing strong shortened sail I had some trouble with one of my watch I told him to take off the fore hatch and he said he would not do it because it was his lookout I struck him and we hooked I called Capt seized him in the main rigging kept him half an hour and then let him go he promising to do better, ends with a gale rainy at times



Saturday 5th. Blowing a gale laying to under close reefed main topsail the A R Tucker in sight running at times at 3 PM set double reefed fore top sail at dark furled it again this day and blowing a gale from the N West

Sunday 6th. Blowing strong at sunrise shook a reef out the main topsail and set the fore sail kept off steering Steering S E. the A R Tucker was to windward and when he saw us running off he put off after us we luffed to the larboard side our stern and Capt Linnell wanted to get a large piece of rope we had to secure a whale with I believe he had made the bargain with Cornell before so after some time he succeeded in getting it on board then he was not satisfied with it so we lowered our waist boat and Mr Duntlin went to the A R Tucker but Capt Linnell said he would take it back and he would take so Mr Duntlin came on board again. Capt I was dissatisfied about the price. well when Mr D got on board we hove up and kept off steering S E by E. for the Western islands this day chose up with fresh winds all sail set

Monday 7th. Fresh breezes from the N West steering S E by E. all hands employed stowing down all stowed 50 barrels down half of it belonging to the Bark A R Tucker. she is out of sight to day and I guess we shall see her again very soon at 8 AM. raised the islands of Corvo and Flores bearing S by E. by Compass at sun set we was close to Flores Capt took a boat to go on shore to see if he could get water or not. but got within 2 miles of the shore and found it very muddy so he turned back and went aboard again then we left off and steered for Lajes made with light airs from the N W



Journal kept on board Bark Fox Dawson

Tuesday 8th. of Oct. Commenced with light  
wind steering S E by South. all sail set watch  
employed taking the rigging and putting rattles  
on the fore top mast. P M. strong wind  
and increasing raised Tidal at dark hove to under  
close reefed topsails about 8 miles from the land  
at 9 were blowing a gale raining at times so ends

Wednesday 9th. Commenced with a gale from  
the N. N. W. furled the fore top sail. wore several  
times at daylight set fore top sail close reefed  
at 7 P M. set the fore sail at 8 A M. we were off  
the town Tidal Capt went ashore got our letters  
and sent the Boat off again. I got one letter from  
New Lane. and 3 from New Wicks. sent Casko  
ashore to get water the Boat was going off land  
on all day spoke the Bark Loden at sunset  
we took in all sail except close reefed topsails  
and stood out to sea Capt C ashore laying back  
wind increased to a gale furled the fore top sail  
at 11 set it again so ends.

Thursday 10th. At 1 A M. commenced to make  
sail at 3 wore heading in for the land at 7 A M.  
sent the Boat ashore stayed a few moments and  
came off again after dinner a lighter came off  
with our water we hoisted it in sent a cask  
of Bread one of Molasses 2 coils of Monilla towline  
and one chest of Tea. Mr Albert got ready and  
we went ashore just as Fox was going to get out  
of the Boat on to the pier a heavy breaker took the  
Boat and whirled us over 3 or 4 times Mr A got  
hurt some against a rock. but as good luck  
would have it we all escaped without any great  
injury the breaker was about 20 feet high breaking  
on to a solid rock Capt C was on the wharf and  
all we cared about was the Boat no matter how  
many of us got killed. well we got the stowed Boat  
on board at dark all on board getting out to sea  
as fast as possible ends with light baffling winds



Home Ward Bound 1000 bbls of Sperm

Friday 11th. Commences with light winds steering by the wind on the port tack heading to the NW at sun rise Commenced to breeze on took in the fore top gallant sail put up preventer fore top gallant back stays at 12 furla flying gills and gaff top sail at 1 P.M. furla main top gallant sail at 3 set it again. wet the hold at dark furla it again and double reefed blowing almost a gale at 9 in the evening found ourselves between Corvo and Flores, ends with baffling winds and rainy wore around.

Saturday 12th. Blowing a gale watch employed making and taking in sail saw Flores. skt fore top mast stay sail unbent it repaired it and bent it again soon as it so forth wind dead ahead when we are Homeward bound from such a voyage as this is enough to set a fellow crazy at dark under close reefed main top sail laying to blowing a gale from the NW so chide

Sunday 13th. Commences with a gale made sail at sun rise. Flores and Corvo in sight afternoon more moderate made more sail at dark had all sail set steering by the wind heading Westward on the starboard tack. I wonder how many more Sundays we have got to see aboard this old hulk not many I hope.

Monday 14th. Light Air and Calm All hands employed breaking out the fore peak shocking Casks and stowing them away taring the rigging rose new fore top gallant sheets flying gills down haul main topside halliards fore topside runner bent main royal new gaskets on the top gallant yards rose new fore and main buntlines took the starboard boat on deck to repair her soon and so forth this day ends with a calm



Journal kept on board, R. H. Dawson  
HOME-WARD BOUND.

Tuesday 15th of Oct Commences with a calm  
Employees repairing the starboard boat calking the  
stern tarring the rigging at half past 9 A.M.  
Called all hands to scrub ship out side at  
sun set got her all washed outside this  
day ends with light winds from the W & W  
W for a fair wind.

Wednesday 16th. Light breeze from the W & W  
steering by the wind heading North Employees  
repairing Boat tarring rigging scraping sail &c  
this day ends with thick weather light wind  
and the wind is still ahead.

Thursday 17th. Foggy weather weather at 4  
A.M. wind hauled to the North tacked  
heading W & W. wet the hold before  
daylight. Watch employed scraping the  
sails repairing Boat. Mr Albert does  
all the repairing Boats finished the Boat and  
put her on the cranes again this day ends with  
a fair wind steering W & W.

Friday 18th. We are 27 Months out to day  
all hands at work some painting yards painting  
the ship out side tarring down putting rattles  
on the fore top mast rigging knocking the rust  
off the Anchors windless brakes and various  
other things going on to numerous to mention  
light air and calm but what little wind  
there is, is fair at dark had a little rain to  
crow all wind variable some times going her  
course and some times she won't go it  
the rock from sun rise to sun set every day  
and we are about as far along now as when  
we commenced.



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On a Whaling Voyage to the Atlantic Ocean  
Some word of Bound.

Saturday 19th. Commences with light winds  
and variable steering by the wind on the port  
tack broke out the after hold before day light  
for a barrell of Beef and a Cask of Molasses but  
lo and behold the Molasses was salt water  
well when we got through down the after hold  
we went into the fore hold pumped a cask of  
water and got out a Cask of Flour. At noon  
had strong breezes from the S S W. steering by  
the wind heading N W. at dark double reefed  
blowing strong at 10 under close reefed main  
topsail sailing

Sunday 20th. Commences with strong wind  
from the Northward at 9 A M were set fore sail  
foretop sail at 3 set jib and spanker wind more  
moderate hauled to the N E. at 9 A M had all  
sail set at 12 M. light winds from the East  
I wonder how many more suns we shall  
see aboard the old John before we reach our port  
of destination two more I guess. At sunset  
light air and with fresh breezes from the S S W  
steering by the wind all sail set

Monday 21st. Commences with fresh wind from  
the S S W. steering by the wind. at 3 A M. strong  
wind double reefed the fore topsail at 6 furled  
Main top gallant sail at 7 double reefed the Main  
topsail blowing heavy at 10 A M. laying to under  
close reefed the S. blowing a gale wind hauled  
to the N W. wore ship. We have been to work lashing  
our spare spars amidships and every few moments  
a good big sea would come aboard and wet us through  
He does it out of spite but he don't spite me  
any more Consultation it won't be much longer  
that is we hope it won't — This day ends with  
a heavy gale from the N W.



Home ward Bound Bark *John Dawson*

Tuesday 22nd of Oct Commences blowing a gale from the North having to under close reefed main topsail at 4 P.M. set fore sail and fore topsail at sun set set jibb and spanker the wind moderated gradually so we continued to make sail

Wednesday 23rd. Commences with moderate breezes from the N.W. at 5 A.M. had all sail set a heavy swell running employees setting up main topgallant stays and mizzen topgallant stays afternoon had all hands on deck unbent fore and main topsails bent the main foreward broke out a sail Cask got out a new main topsail and bent it. Calm at sun set light baffling winds tackeed several times

Thursday 24th. Commences with light winds from W.N.W. steering by the wind heading Northward at 3 A.M. wind came out from the S.West seeing N.W. set main royal not hold before day light in the forenoon broke out the after hold for Beef Pork Beans Cheese Raisins Soap sugar &c. Steward says we broke out all these, what so Horse, P.M. employees strapping tackle blocks to the starboard and larboard Boats saw two sails during the day. passed by a shallop long Boat at sun set the weather looked thick and rainy Long at 12 this noon was 4<sup>0</sup> 15 West. this day ends with strong winds from the S.West



# From A Whaling Voyage to the Atlantic

Friday 25th of Oct Commences with strong winds from the South West steering N W by W half W at 5 A M. the wind suddenly shifted to the North. Carried away Main royal yard broke in two in the rings. Clewed up top gallant sails clewed down top sails hauled up Chutes double reefed the top sails fueled all the light sails braced round the yards Barge and I went up Clewed away main royal yard and sent it down. Rainy all the time at 8 A M. began to make sail wind moderated at 12 P M. Every thing set Capt has ordered the Portuguese down the Cabin cleaning his tools on the Ship tools but I suppose he will have them all Carted off to Westport when we get home. The water looks green. in the afternoon had strong winds took in fore top gallant sail stung ribb and Left top sail Employed washing the fore sails inside ends with fresh breezes from the North

Saturday 26th. All these 24 hours had moderate wind from the N E and East a large Merchant ship in sight Employed painting heads of masts and lower masts in the afternoon had all hands on deck some scrubbing bulwarks some painting some cleaning the Capt's trunk and tools too has been counting over a lot of money I suppose he is studying to find out how much of it he can take without the owners knowing it. Money is John W. Cornell's God - This day ends with light winds. Long 53.22 West

Sunday 27th. Commences with light winds from the S E steering N W by W half W. a large Merchant ship in the same way we ran yesterday at 12 M. had quite a good breeze the Canvas balls are hauling this is the Sabbath I wonder if we shall be at home next this day ends with strong winds from the E S E. thick and cloudy John Dawson 10 knots



Journal kept on Board Bark Joe Dawson  
Home ward, Round

Sunday 28th of Oct 1861. Commences With strong  
Wind from the South East steering W N W.  
drizzly and foggy, rubbed the Spanker and  
bent a new one undertook to paint but had  
to stop on account of rain at dark hove to under  
close reefed main topsail at 8 P.M. kept off  
set the foresail steering W by N.

Tuesday 29th. Commences With fresh breezes  
from the E. S. E. set whole main topsail and  
top gallant sail and double reefed fore topsail  
at 3 A.M. wind hauled to the W. S. W.  
steered by the wind set fidd. spanker &  
Main sail at 7 tacked heading to the South  
drizzly foggy weather at 8 tacked again heading  
to the Westward. Employed painting at 5 P.M.  
hauled main topsail black and painted on  
bottom at 80 fathoms. Ende with a calm, heavy  
swell running rainy during the day, saw 3 sails

Wednesday 30th Commences squally and raining  
at 2 A.M. wind came out from the West by South  
steering by the wind heading to the South. Employed  
painting saw several sails at 9 A.M. tacked  
tacked several times during the day. Steward is  
head over heels in work says he don't have time  
to sit down to his supper. I'm trying to write  
and Mr Dunthin is bothering me wants to know  
if I want a Lawyer at Salem set heading West  
on the Port tack. Caught a Porpoise I believe we  
are through dolphing. Mr Dunthin has capsized my  
Ink so I shan't scratch any more to night.

I must say that Amos. has as a  
general thing been a very good Boy.  
and I have been endeavoring as far as  
I am in my power to inculcate good  
principles in his mind. At times  
he has been inclined to depart  
from the paths of virtue, but a warn-  
ing look was enough to restrain  
him. At present he is very



Home ward bound  
 happy at the thought of getting  
 home once more. And as I shall  
 not be able to be with him at all  
 times. I hope that he will conduct  
 himself as to meet our entire ap-  
 probation at all times, and al-  
 ways bear in mind the excellent  
 advice that I have given him  
 from time to time, and devote his  
 whole time and attention to his  
 only sister, and let the other  
 girls slide.

I subscribe myself his most  
 sincere friend,

J. S. Dunton

Thursday 31st. I see that Mr Dunton has been  
 telling how he has kept me straight this voyage  
 Well I don't know but what he has done a little  
 something towards keeping me straight, but for  
 all that I always behave myself one thing he  
 has set me an example and I have followed  
 it - We have been engaged humpbugging all day  
 light winds and not fair ran several sails  
 on on and so forth

Friday November 1st 1861 10 years ago to day  
 I sailed on my first voyage. Well we had light  
 winds to day at half past 2 P.M. hauled aback  
 rounded did not get bottom engaged humpbug-  
 ging sent up main royal yard. I have been  
 fitting the head boards Mr D has been scraping  
 the light grating and broke a pane of glass the  
 first one that has been broken this voyage I've  
 talked to him time and time again about being  
 so careless. Sam Howland has been cleaning out  
 the pots and swearing about the old mate navigat-  
 ing







New Bedford Feb 25 1862

These twenty four hours come in blowing hard  
and snowing all night in no watch I had  
turned out at 8 o'clock in the morning and  
ate my breakfast stoped snowing but still  
continues to blow in puffs

W D Smith  
New Bedford

Capt Perkins of the good ship

A M Lawrence  
of New York  
U S America

bound to San Francisco

Port Stanley Falkland Islands  
February 20th 1864. Please God.  
good night.

Let me be



In Board Bark Anashonks  
Memories Friday evening Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Memories dwell like doves among the trees  
Like Nymphs in glooms. like Naiads in the wells  
And some are sweet. and sadder some than death

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All are not just who do no wrong  
But he who will not wrong <sup>one</sup> when harming  
He only is the truly just. I praise not them  
Who in their petty dealings pilfer not  
But Him whose Conscience spurns a secret fraud  
When he might plunder and defy surprise  
His be the praise who looking down with scorn  
Upon the false judgment of partial heroes  
Consults his own clear heart and boldly dares  
Not to be thought an honest man

Bark Anashonks

South Atlantic Ocean

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

26  $\frac{1}{2}$  Months out 400 bbls Sperm  
150 bbls Whale

Bound South (12 days from Pernambuco.

Henry

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Amey,



Frank Pierce  
 Chas. Wick  
 Ed. Jones  
 Galt

{ Box of Dash & Second St- Hallie Swain  
 Third St- Annie L Davis

Cal. Masfield Amy Baker  
 New Bedford  
 M & Hallie Brownell Mass.  
 Amos C Baker  
 Charles W. Porter New Bedford  
 S. Dartmouth  
 Mass. Lycurgus S. Howland  
 Dartmouth  
 Mass. Baker Baker  
 Lydia Brayton  
 Frank R. Pierce New Bedford  
 Mass.  
 Frank Pierce  
 New Bedford  
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Aunt

Barb Amashonks of New Bedford 27 months  
out bound to the Coast of Patagonia  
I heart for any fati who wouldnt sell a  
fun and Comedie Whaling its tip top fun  
Nothing Day but I cant see it many time

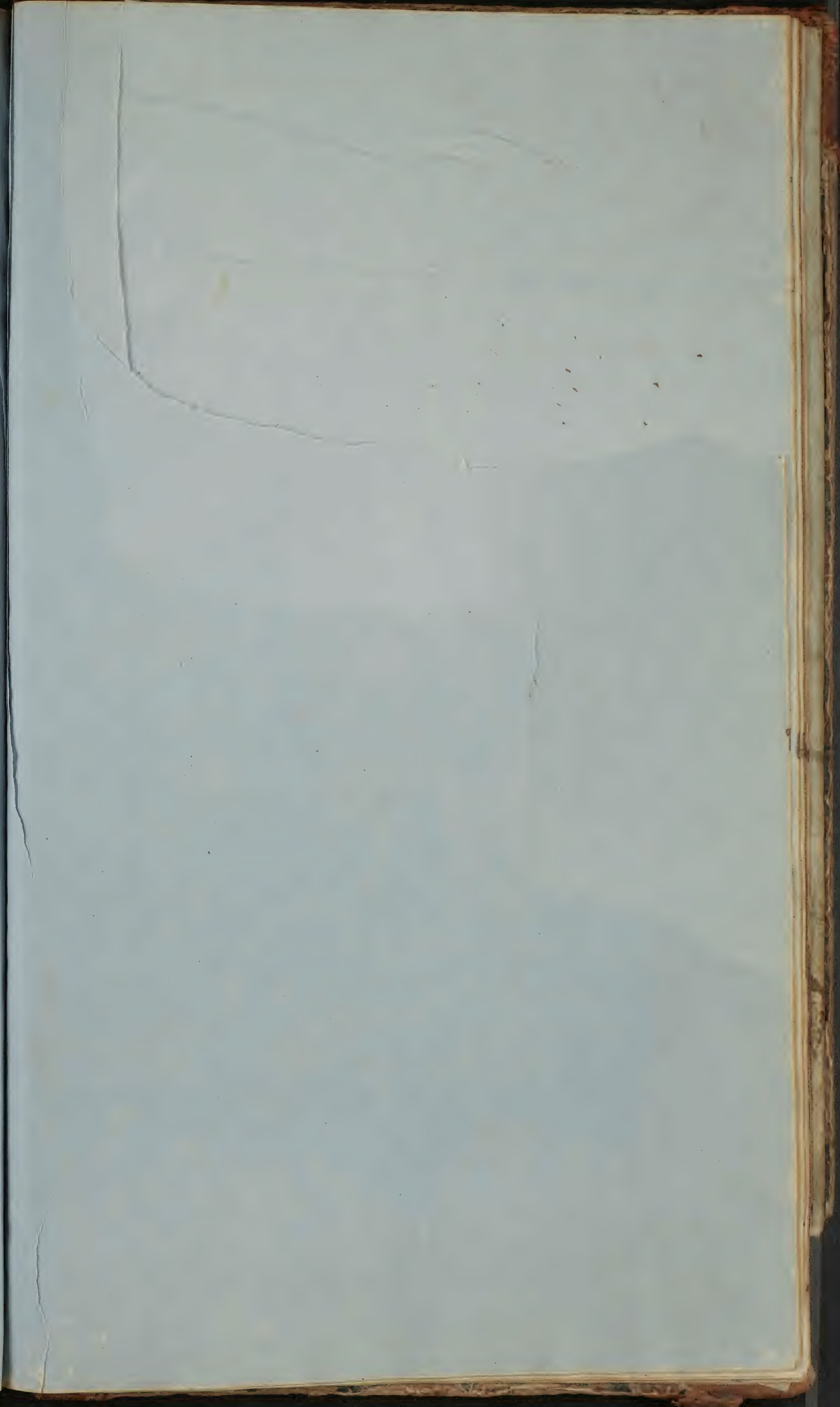






HALE







Comd. J. B. John Dawson. Sailed July 18<sup>th</sup> 1860  
Capt John W. Cornell  
Mate Wm H. Albert  
2nd Mate John T. Drumthorn  
3rd Mate Asaph S. Micks

Boat Steerers  
Samuel R. Howland  
Amos S. Baker

Cooper  
Fernando Brooks

Steward  
Wm. Menney

Ship Keeper  
Frederick Smith.

Cook  
John Smith.

Sea men  
John Tinkham  
Franklin Potter

Alonso S. Russell. Deserted at Bermuda May 1860

Jacob Walter. Deserted at Bermuda

Wm. W. Johnson Deserted at Bermuda

Lewis Fisher Deserted at Bermuda got caught again  
deserted again at Fayal and got clear

Meelon Wood

John Bull

Joe Kanaka

George Kanaka

Henry S. Porter

Alexander Pickle Fell from Main Mast and instantly killed

John Portuguese Deserted at Bermuda May 1860

Frank Portuguese

Leah Portuguese Deserted at Bermuda

Carpenter

John Taylor Deserted at Bermuda joined an English Man

Sea men shipped at Bermuda May 1860

Robert Fox

Joseph Fox

Harry Claton

James Conlan

William Robinson

James Thomas George William Esq.







Ships spoken.

|                                       |            |                      |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Ship Falcon of New Bedford            | July 21st  | 1859                 |
| Bark Iowa Fair Haven                  | August 4th | 1859                 |
| Bark Thomas Pope. N Bedford           | 27th       | 1859                 |
| Brig Eschol Beverly                   | 28         | 59                   |
| Bark Ocean Rover Mattapoisett         | 31         |                      |
| Bark W D Chase. Beverly               |            |                      |
| Bark Dove New London                  | Sept 4th   | 1859                 |
| Brig Altamaha. Sippican               | 6          | September            |
| Bark Messenger N Bedford              | 11         |                      |
| B Messenger do                        | 19         |                      |
| B Ocean Rover Mattapoisett            | 20         |                      |
| Brig Wofaton Sippican                 | 22         |                      |
| Schooner John Adams. Provincetown     | 22         |                      |
| Sch Boswell King. Sippican            | 30         |                      |
| Bark Willis Mattapoisett              | Oct 4      | 1859                 |
| Brig Harrier of London Merchantman    | Nov 1      | 1859                 |
| Brig Geo Smith Baltimore. merchant    | 5          | November             |
| Bark Sarah Mattapoisett               | 30         |                      |
| Bark Manning Light. N Bedford         | Dec 6      | 1859                 |
| Ship Wasp Fair Haven                  | 6          | December             |
| Scho Susan Sag Harbor                 | 11         |                      |
| Scho Susan do                         | 12         |                      |
| Bark Pacific N Bedford                | 23         |                      |
| Bark Liverpool Dartmouth              | 24         |                      |
| Bark Eugenia N Bedford                | Jan 5      | 1860 <del>1859</del> |
| Bark Thomas Daniels. Bristol Eng.     | 11         | Merchantman          |
| Bark Port du France. Marcella. France | 11         | do January           |
| Bark Frances Neilly. Milford Eng      | 15         | do                   |
| Bark Benjamin Cummings Dartmouth      | 26         |                      |
| Ship Zephyr N Bedford                 | Feb 13     | February             |
| Ship Zephyr do                        | March 7    | March                |
| Ship Christopher Mitchell N Bedford   | 11         |                      |
| Ship C Mitchell do                    | 12         |                      |
| Ship Brunswick Dartmouth              | 13         |                      |
| Ship ... N Bedford                    | 17         |                      |
| Bark Amazon Fair Haven                | April 26   |                      |
| Brig Amelia Mattapoisett              | May 30     |                      |
| Bark ... Dartmouth                    | June 4th   |                      |
| Bark Polon N Bedford                  | June 10th  |                      |
| Bark Sun Mattapoisett                 | June 24th  |                      |
| Bark George V. Mary. Westport         | July 11th  |                      |
| Bark S. F. Alday Westport             | 12         |                      |
| Bark Union Mattapoisett               | 13         |                      |



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| Schooner | Admiral Blake  | Lippican            | July 15 <sup>th</sup>     | 1860 |
| Schooner | Emerald        | Fair Haven          | 18 <sup>th</sup>          |      |
| Bark     | Nye            | Dartmouth           | 19                        |      |
| Bark     | Edward         | New Bedford         | 29                        | 1860 |
| Bark     | Laphy          | N Bedford           | 30                        |      |
| Bark     | Lara           | Mattapoisett        | August 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 1860 |
| Bark     | Kingfisher     | New Bedford         | 4                         |      |
| Bark     | Liverpool      | Dartmouth           | 4                         |      |
| Bark     | Rothschild     | Oileans             | 4                         |      |
| Bark     | Tropic Bird    | N Bedford           | 11 <sup>th</sup>          |      |
| Bark     | Java           | N Bedford           | 12                        |      |
| Bark     | Java           | N B                 | 12                        |      |
| Bark     | Coriolanus     | Myetic              | 12                        |      |
| Schooner | S L Learned    | Lag Harbor          | 22                        |      |
| Bark     | Tropic Bird    | N Bedford           | 23                        |      |
| Bark     | Tropic Bird    | N Bedford           | September 4 <sup>th</sup> |      |
| Ship     | Wm of the West | An American Clipper | 9 <sup>th</sup>           |      |
| Bark     | Kathleen       | of New Bedford      | 26 <sup>th</sup>          |      |
| Bark     | Civilian       | Provincetown        | 27                        |      |
| Ship     | Lydia          | New Bedford         | 27                        |      |
| Bark     | Ocean          | Sandwich            | 27                        |      |
| Bark     | Ocean          | Sandwich            | Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>      |      |
| Bark     | Kingfisher     | New Bedford         | 22                        |      |
| Ship     | Taharar        | N Bedford           | 25 <sup>th</sup>          |      |
| Bark     | Zephyr         | of Boston           | Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>      |      |
| Ship     | Wm & Henry     | New Bedford         | 23 <sup>rd</sup>          |      |
| Bark     | Atlantic       | N Bedford           | Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>       |      |
| Ship     | Wm & Henry     | Fair Haven          | 4 <sup>th</sup>           |      |
| Ship     | Wm & Henry     | Fair Haven          | 7 <sup>th</sup>           |      |
| Bark     | Sea Breeze     | New Bedford         | 22 <sup>nd</sup>          |      |
| Bark     | Sun Beam       | N Bedford           | Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>       | 1861 |
| Bark     | Wave           | of New Bedford      | 8 <sup>th</sup>           |      |
| Bk       | Wave           | " " " " " "         | 16 <sup>th</sup>          |      |
| Bk       | Wave           | " " " " " "         | Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>       |      |
| Ship     | George & Susan | of New Bedford      | 17 <sup>th</sup>          |      |
| Ship     | George & Susan | do do               | March 3 <sup>rd</sup>     |      |
| Do       | do             | do                  | 4 <sup>th</sup>           |      |
| Bark     | Atlantic       | New Bedford         | April                     |      |
| Bk       | Atlantic       | do do               |                           |      |
| Bk       | A R Tucker     | New Bedford         | June 29                   | 61   |
| Bk       | Robert Morison | New Bedford         | July 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | 61   |
| Bk       | Robert Morison |                     | July 4 <sup>th</sup>      | 1861 |
| Bk       | Elizabeth      | West Coast          | July 4 <sup>th</sup>      | 1861 |



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| Bark Atlantic        | New Bedford   | July | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Barque Lafayette     | N Bedford     | July | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Barque Ocean         | Sandwich      | July | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bark Ocean           | do            |      | 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Schooner Emerald     | Fairhaven     |      | 31 <sup>st</sup> |
| Schooner Geo W Lewis | Province town | Aug  | 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bark Elizabeth       | Westford      |      | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bark A R Tucker      | New Bedford   | Sept | 14 <sup>th</sup> |



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| Bark Ocean do                     | 26th      |
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| Schooner Geo W Lewis Provincetown | Aug 20th  |
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## The Sea Boys farewell

Wait wait ye winds till I repeat  
A parting signal to the fleet  
Whose station is at home  
Then hark the sea boys simple prayer  
And let it oft be whispered round  
Till at other times I pour

Farewell to Father person and body  
His shield of metal spite of bulks  
Must soon his little ship  
What can he's broken up I'll be  
The flag of gratitude to fly  
In duty to the ship

Farewell to Mother first and last  
Who cradled me on life's stormy seas  
And reared me for and aft  
Her Providence be timely and true  
And keep her husband's good repair  
To love the smaller light

Farewell to George the jolly boat  
And all the little craft to float  
In home's delightful bay  
When they arrive at sail no age  
May wisdom give the weather gauge  
And guide them on their way

Farewell to all on life's rude main  
Perhaps we never may meet again  
Through stress of stormy weather  
But summoned by the broad above  
We'll harbor in the port of love  
And all be moved together.







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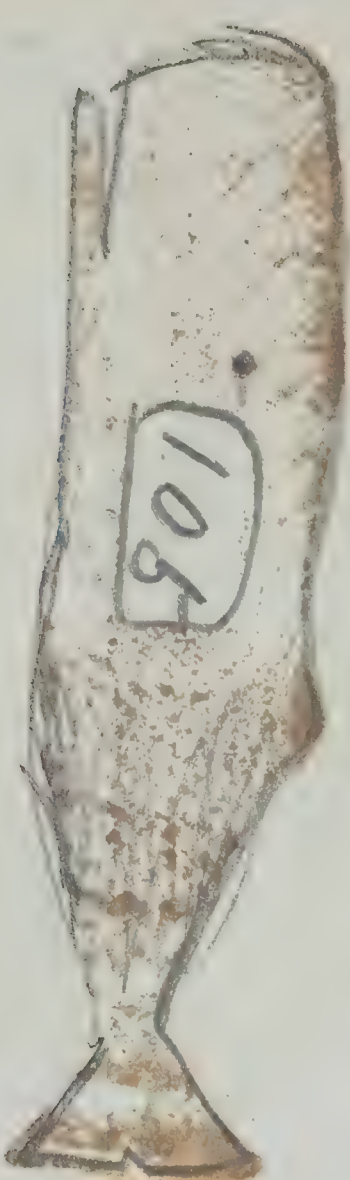
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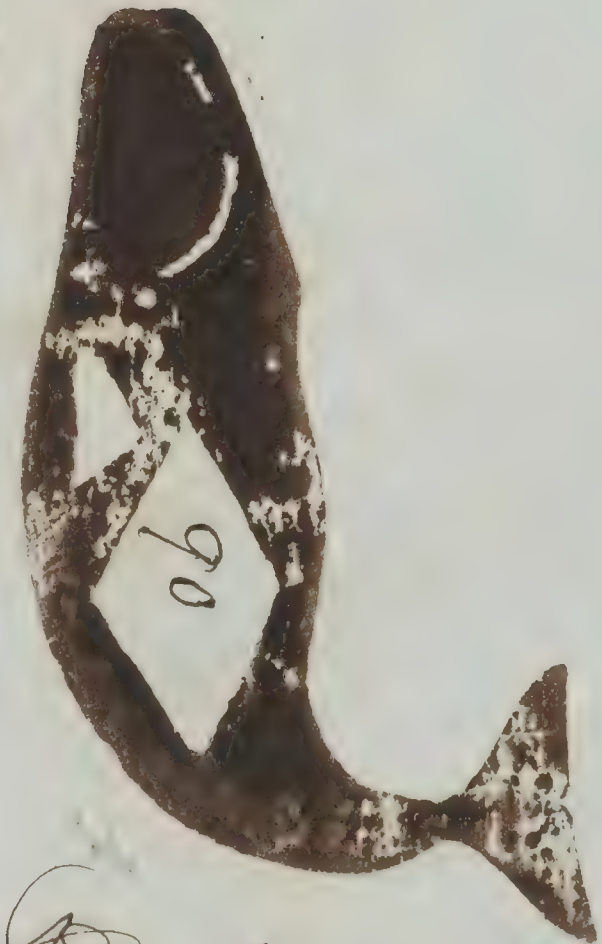
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James Baker

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